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OF  
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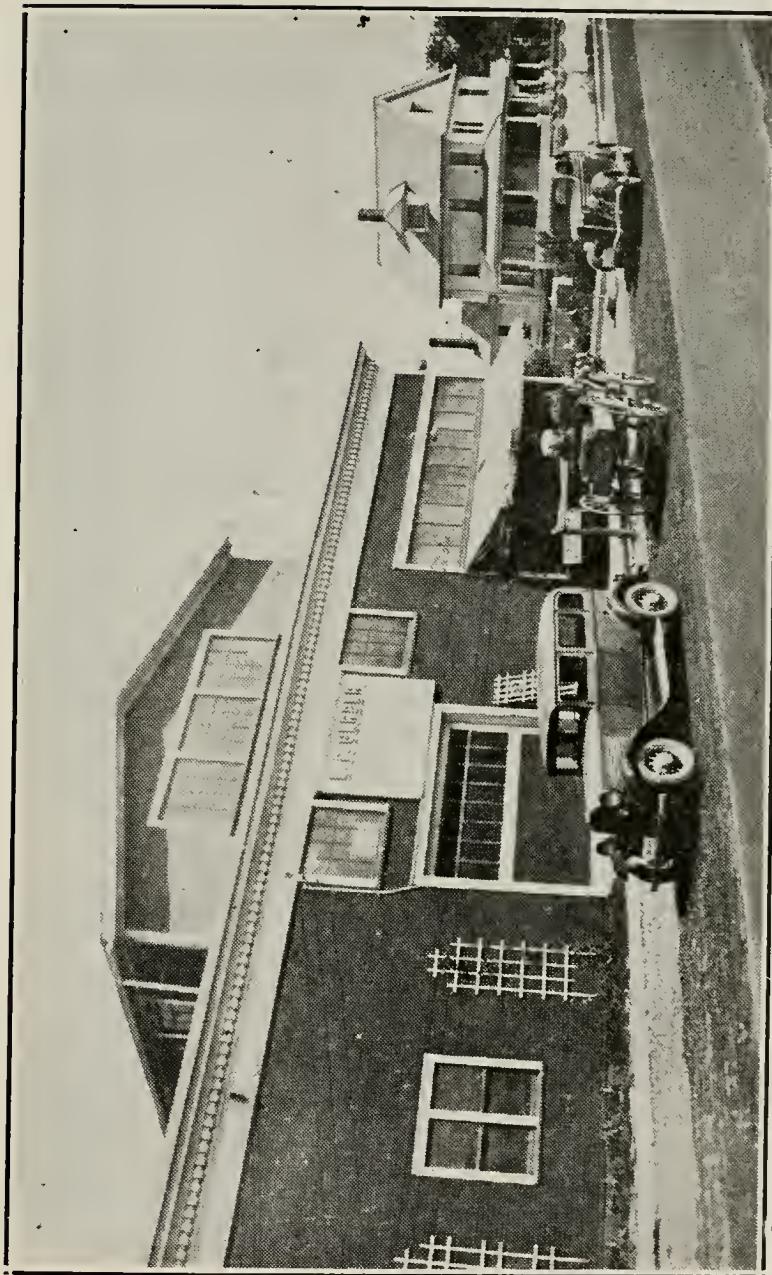
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*One generation passeth away and another cometh:  
but the earth abideth forever.—Eccl. 1:4.*

Think of your ancestors and your posterity.—(Tacitus).



E. P. Gerber's Home and Store, Kidron, O.  
The Home was built in 1906 and the store in 1918.

## PREFACE

As its title pages indicate, this book is intended as a chronicle of our ancestor and pioneer, Deacon Michael Gerber and his descendants, including Michael's parents and their children, as described at the beginning of this genealogy, covering the period of 208 years from 1730 to 1938. The author believes that this book will render very valuable service to the descendants of this genealogy, tracing their ancestors and descendants. It will serve as a useful source of information for family relations of each branch, and should cause a greater appreciation for our "goodly heritage" left us; it will challenge us to loyalty to the "faith of our Fathers."

The author has tried to be fair and impartial to all. More might have been said in praise of all, but this would have made the book too large and expensive for the limited number to be sold, the object in writing this history was not to point out defects, or to exalt anyone, but simply to give a few facts of interest to all. The writer undertook this tedious and laborious task himself. These descendants are located in about twenty different states and countries.

The writer received many words of praise and appreciation for starting this Gerber History relation, and hope to see it printed in book form or in a Family Tree.

The author wants to thank all those that so willingly assisted in helping to make this history record possible. In conclusion, he begs pardon for any errors that may have occurred in names and dates.

Your relative,

E. P. Gerber, Kidron, Ohio.

## HISTORICAL INTRODUCTION to the MICHAEL GERBER CHRONICLE

The history of Deacon Michael Gerber and his descendants is rooted in the soil of the Swiss Reformation of the sixteenth century and entangled in the maze of the roots of the Mennonite denomination, which sprang up as an offshoot of the Reformation started by the Swiss Reformer, Ulrich Zwingli at Zurich, Switzerland about the year 1525. This offshoot was occasioned by the fact that some of Zwingli's chief co-workers began to disagree with their chief in regard to certain cardinal doctrines such as conformation with the world, baptism of infants, swearing of oath, and warfare. As Zwingli insisted on conformity with his doctrines on the part of his co-workers and followers, these nonconformists separated from him and started their own fellowship of believers, who, on account of their rebaptising of followers upon confession were called "Anabaptists" or "Rebaptizers" or (in their own language) "Wiedertäufer", or, in short, "Täufer" (Baptizers).

As Zwingli's reform movement spread over Switzerland, so did the Anabaptists, and so soon reached the confederate state of Bern, and particularly the Emmental, a district of hills and mountains and valleys in the eastern part of the Canton of Bern, similar to Holmes County, Ohio, "only more so;" with the prosperous village of Langnau, about twenty miles east of the city of Bern, as business center of

the whole district, especially famous for its delicious "Emmentaler" cheese. In this district all the family names of Sonnenberg, as well as of Putnam County, this state, and Berne, Indiana, can be found duplicated; among them the Gerbers.

It was especially in the years between 1600 and 1800, that the government of Bern, stirred up by the pastors of the state church (Reformed), tried by persuasion and persecution to bring the "Täufers" back into the fold of the state church, but with scant success. Many were forced to emigrate (to the Jura, Alsace, Germany, Holland and even to America). But a remnant stayed on, among them the ancestors of our forefather, Deacon Michael Gerber, on the "Habbach."

An interesting account of the rough treatment of the "Täufers" (Mennonites) during the long period from the time of the Zwingli Reformation at Zurich about the year 1525 up to the 18th century (1700) among whom the "Gerber" name very frequently appears, is shown us in the following documentary excerpt furnished us by an esteemed relative of ours, Christian Lerch, employed in the archives of the government of the Canton Bern, Switzerland. Only "Gerbers" were selected out of a record of many others for our family history by Mr. Lerch, to prove that the Gerbers were numerous among early Swiss Mennonites.

**Excerpts from the Archives of Bern, Switzerland,**  
of persecution of the "Täufers" (Mennonites) in Switzerland, in which the following "Gerbers" fig-

ured (furnished by C. Lerch, Bern, Switzerland).

In 1566 a minister of the sect by name of Wälti Gerber was beheaded by the government for his persistent preaching of the Täufer doctrines. The government caught him finally through a price of \$2,000.00 put on his capture.

In 1596 the wife of one Josiah Gerber was banished for her faith and her husband was forced to furnish bail of \$1,000 for her.

In 1598 one Hans Gerber was fined for harboring Täufers. The following year his wife was forced to forfeit about \$12,000 of her property. Later he was fined again for a similar sum.

In 1673 another "Wälti" Gerber was forbidden to harbor his father because of his faith.

In 1709 one Hans Gerber and wife had to hide themselves from arrest, because he was the minister of a congregation of Täufers and kept on preaching contrary to government orders. They were finally caught. What their fate was is not recorded. One who had given the couple hiding was banished for three months.

About the same time one Elsbeth Gerber, wife of Peter Gerber, was banished with a number of others to the West Indies. Others at this time were "banished" to Pennsylvania, then a new Quaker Colony (may they not have been the pioneers of Lancaster County?) Among these was one Michael Gerber from Langnau.

In 1711 a number were sent to Holland, among them one Peter Gerber. Another, Ulli Gerber was sent to Germany.

In 1712 one Hans Gerber was condemned to the galleys in Italy. This was equivalent to a death sentence, as nearly all galley slaves perished in service. He was a deacon. Others were imprisoned. Some escaped and turned up again in their homes in Emmental.

From the above it appears that the Gerbers were one of the most numerous and influential family names among the Täufers in the Emmental, around Langnau. Among these were the "Habbach" Gerbers of our family story, who lived in a hill community near Langnau, to the east of the town, the ancestral home of our forefather, Deacon Michael Gerber.

As said already, many of the persecuted Bernese Mennonites, in the 17th and 18th centuries, fled to the Bishopric of Basle, to Sonnenberg and surroundings, where they were at least tolerated. In 1797, the territory of the said Bishopric was annexed to France, and in 1815, the Congress of Vienna incorporated it to the Canton of Berne, i. e., to Switzerland. The Act of Reunion, issued on November 3, 1815, by representatives of the Canton of Bern and of the former Bishopric, says in its Article 13: "The now living Mennonites and their descendants will enjoy the protection of the laws and their worshiping will be tolerated." Conditions are: "registering of their marriages and births of children in the official rolls; solemn promise with hand-shaking instead of oath, and in case of trespassing incurs the same punishment as for oath-breaking (perjury); no personal military service but salaried substitutes is required."

A few weeks later on, the leaders of the Mennonites in the former Bishopric (now Bernese Jura) met at Bevilard, not far from Chaluet, and commissioned a public notary to write a letter of thanks to the Bernese Government. It would be a big job to translate the whole letter, as it is written in a ceremonious style. Its main ideas are as follows:

“High and Well Born Gracious Lords.

We, the leaders and deputies of the Mennonites living in the former Bishopric of Basle and in other regions of your Graces’ Country, come to express to you the feelings of our thankfully beating hearts as much as this can be done by words. Thanks to the Almighty God, and thanks to Your High Graces’ kindness and benevolence, we again have a fatherland, we again have a kind, gracious and paternal Government. We are worth neither the Grace that God bestowed on us nor the gracious benevolence and kindness of our Government. We just can raise our eyes and hearts to the Almighty God, praying that He may increase the honour, the glory and the happiness of our dear fatherland and conserve it in sweet peace, bless our gracious Government, direct its members with the spirit of His Wisdom, give them a long life and afterwards the majestic Crown of the eternal life. Please permit the expression of our hearty thanks, love, faithfulness and devotion.”

Bevilard, January 11, 1816.

Signed      

Ulrich Röthlisberger
Jacob Engel
Michael Gerber.

Now, who was Michael Gerber, one of the three men that met at Bevilard and signed the letter?

A sure answer cannot be given. However, as I understand, Michael Gerber, your ancestor, who emigrated to the U. S. A. in 1822, was a minister. There is no minister of this name mentioned in the lists of 1823 and later years. So, we may suppose that it is the same man. His signature, the original document is still at the State's Archives at Bern, is that of a farmer, more trained to the plough and tools than to the pen. But the characters are clear and distinct. They express sincerity and faithfulness. If really your ancestor M. Gerber was one of the three men, your family may be proud of him. As a leader of the Mennonites, which then were more numerous in Switzerland than nowadays, perhaps, he deserves a thankful memory.

C. Lerch, Bern, Switzerland.

### **A NEW SONG COMPOSED FROM OUR FORE-FATHERS LEAVING SWITZERLAND 1822**

Ist gleich diese Reise beschwerlich bis in Nord Amerika so ist das End doch herrlich, bald sind wir dem Ziele nah. Ist auch vor uns verschlossen, dasz der Tod uns nahe geht, ziehen wir doch unverdrossen Gottes Wille der besteht.

Although this journey to North America may be a burden and hardship, yet we are looking beyond to a glorious joyful reward. Soon our departure is

here. May death stare us in the face, yet we are not discouraged for God's will does ever remain.

Translated from German to English by Manes  
Gerber, Pandora, Ohio, 1936

(Tune: My Jesus I Love Thee)

Come! Comrades dear, arise! Spring is drawing near  
To sail for North America; We'll go without a fear.  
We pray to God in heaven good fortune to provide,  
With His abiding presence to embrace us and to guide.

We have chosen for our captain, Jesus Christ the way,  
He will be our pilot to guide us day by day;  
He will lead us safely on land and on the sea  
And guard off the tempter wherever we may be.

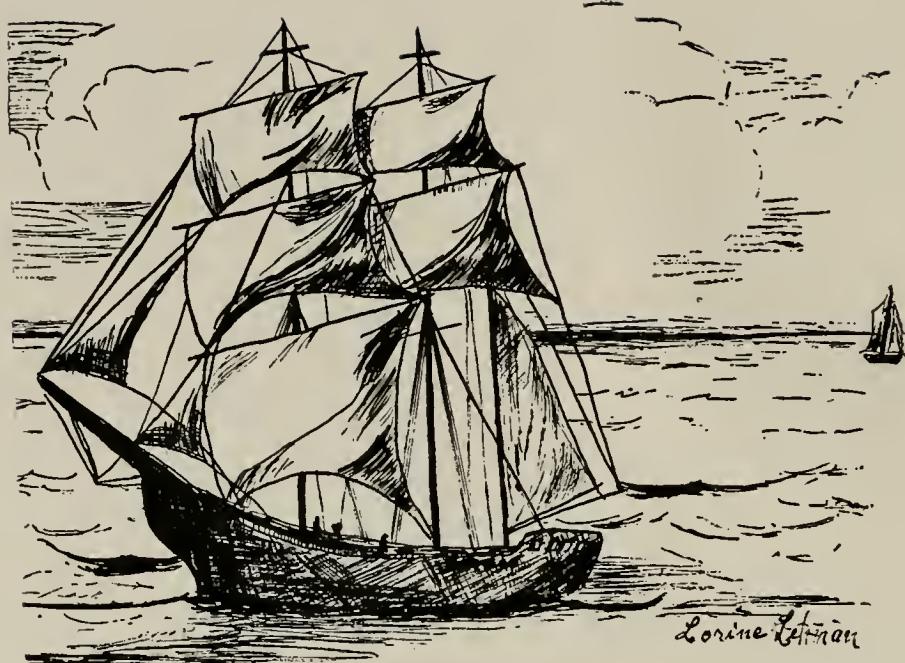
Joyful be our journey on sea and on the land,  
God to lead us daily with his Father hand.  
Switzerland of Europe—we leave it all behind,  
We'll venture in pursuit another land to find.

Beloved Fatherland and friends we love so dear,  
The moment is now here which makes us feel so drear,  
We may be parting now never to meet again  
As long as life may last which fills our hearts with pain.

Our departure here is but a moment there,  
In Eternity—a reunion we'll all be there to share;  
Where we'll rest in joy and peace; banished every care,  
We pray thee, Lord, by grace, a place for us prepare.

We extend our hand to you and bid you all farewell,  
God bless you every one wherever you may dwell.  
Good-bye! Sisters, brethren, kindred, friend,  
This is our message we now to you do send.

We join to thank you all for every good us done,  
Forgive us all, we pray, if we offended one.  
A last good-bye to all, we go in the name of the Lord.  
Sail on! Our Captain and our Lord, as we are all aboard.



The above model sailing ship was used in the early 18th century. Our ancestor Jacob Gerber's diary, recorded elsewhere in this book, gave description of this ship as 99 feet long, 23 feet wide on deck, and the masts were 125 feet high, and the ship ran 13 feet in water. Their journey on sea was as follows: boarded ship at Havre, France, on May 31, 1822, and landed at New York August 4, which made the voyage trip on sea 66 days.

## A DIARY OF OUR FOREFATHERS

### Journeying from Switzerland to America

The following is a chronicle concerning Michael Gerber, and his five children, his brother, Ulrich, and nephew, Jacob Gerber, and a sister, Barbara, an account of their emigration from Switzerland to what is now known as Sonnenberg, Ohio. The diary is copied from a little booklet written by Jacob Gerber in his own hand, which is still in possession of his grandson, Jacob P. Gerber, of this place. The account, however, is impossible of word for word translating from German to English especially with reference to spelling of names and places which the writer wrote, not as they were written in French or English, but as they sounded to him in Swiss, so it is often impossible to identify them on the atlas. Then, too, some of the reading of his booklet, plain enough perhaps to people of his own nationality and age, would be rather meaningless to his descendants here now. Then again the translater has added needed explanation to make the account more intelligible.

The above party started their journey April 22, 1822, from their home in Switzerland, (Langnau). Two days later we reached the border of France, where all of their belongings were examined, and contracts were signed for emigration. On the twenty-fourth (following the diary quoted direct) we reached Montbeliard, France, and on the 26th, the city of Besancon; on the 29th, Dijon. We passed through many other cities and villages of France

till by the 9th of May we reached Paris and stayed two days. Proceeding on the 14th we passed through Rouen and a day or two later Havre de Gras was reached, where we had to wait two weeks for our ship. So our trip from our home so far took us 29 days.

On the 31st of May we sailed from Havre for New York. First we sailed two hours out of the harbor, then anchor was lowered and we stopped there for three days, till on June 3rd, early morning, 1:00 A. M., we proceeded on our trip across the Atlantic. We had mostly nice weather and but little storm. We passed several ships, the first one on the 17th of June, which stopped and talked to us. Sometimes goods were exchanged from one ship to the other, mostly eatables, water and wine. The next boat to stop for us was on the 29th; another on July 4th; another on July 6th, and so on every few days. On the 22nd day out on the ship, we rationed our water. Each person got two quarts a day.

The ship rolled terribly, so it was hard to walk on deck. Of course, there was a banister all around the deck so no one need fall off. Room is quite limited. First the provisions and the wine barrels and water. Our sleeping quarters were double deck, upper and lower bed, each about two feet wide. When the weather is nice we are on deck about all day. The floors were scrubbed every day. Whosoever had any infectious disease is separated from the rest of the personnel. Three of our company had to be separated onto the deck and had to sleep in the open air. The personnel is divided in three com-

panies; first the sailors in the front part of the ship; then the common passengers in the middle and in the back part the first class passengers. When there is no wind the ship cannot go. The sails must always be turned according to the wind and directions the ship sailed.

Our ship ran thirteen feet in the water. The ship was twenty-three feet wide on deck and ninety-nine feet long. The masts were one hundred twenty-four feet high. Anchor is never lowered on high sea as it is too deep.

I would repeat, if I were to make the trip again, I would take all possible eatables along, as some of the eatables in France are very bad, such as meat; also, drinking water.

On July 30th we first saw land, but we didn't land till August 4th which made our voyage on the sea 66 days.

We stayed in New York seven days; bought necessary provisions, a wagon, and started on our trek. We left New York, August 11th, across New Jersey, by way of Brunswick and Trenton to Philadelphia where we stopped several days and were met by some Mennonites who helped us on our way to Lancaster County where there is a large and prosperous Mennonite Settlement, who were very kind and hospitable to us. We stopped several days here too and made ready for our long trek across the state of Pennsylvania with all its mountains. Leaving Strasburg in Lancaster County on August 25th we kept a pretty straight westward course, as the roads and mountains would permit, by way of such

towns as Hunertown, after crossing the wide Susquehanna River. Then on to Chambersburg, after which there was almost continual mountain crossing for nearly one hundred miles; up the mountains, down the valleys, across the rivers and creeks where there were hardly any bridges. We passed through many villages and towns, like Bedford, Johnstown, and Greensburg, and the city of Pittsburgh. Most of the mountains are between Chambersburg and Johnstown, about half a dozen high ridges. Some of these we crossed through gaps where rivers run through. From Johnstown the road was much better till we reached Pittsburgh. This was really the first city we came to after leaving Philadelphia, the rest being still quite small towns and villages.

After leaving Pittsburgh where we could stock up again with provisions, we drove on westward through the villages of Beaver Falls, last town in Pennsylvania, then Lisbon, Paris, and Canton, Ohio, small trading towns, and on into the wilderness till we reached the Sugar Creek, on September the 14th, 1822. So we made the trip from New York to Sugar Creek in forty-one days and the total time of the trip 145 days. That's a remarkable achievement on wagon drawn by oxen, a trip of about 400 miles, an average of twenty miles a day. I would let you know what I would take along on the journey if I should make the trip again. The best is dried fruit, such as cherries, prunes, pears, and apples; cured sausage, potatoes dried also; a keg of water, sugar, honey, vinegar, dried bread, bacon, mostly pickled or salted in kegs; the same way butter; "Zwieback" (hard

toasted bread) and bread is salted but little. Meat is better either cooked or pickled before packed in kegs. It must be cut small for that purpose when packed in kegs. It must be packed in lard, care must be taken that the meat nowhere touches the wood of the keg.

Jacob Gerber.

## WHEN DEACON MICHAEL GERBER ARRIVED ON SONNENBERG

### The Country in 1822

When our forefathers arrived in the wilds of Sugar Creek township in 1822, the United States, as a government, had existed only 33 years since the inauguration of George Washington as its first president, and James Monroe, its fifth president, had just started his second term of administration. True enough, its territory even then extended from the Atlantic to the Pacific Ocean; but all of its territory west of the Mississippi River excepting a few settlements like New Orleans and St. Louis was still a howling wilderness of Indians and Buffaloes. There were no states west of the river except Louisiana, and Missouri, although containing only a few thousand inhabitants on the west bank of the Mississippi River, was that year admitted into the Union as the 24th state. The white population of the whole United States was then about ten million.

### The State of Ohio

The State of Ohio was only ten years old in 1822, almost its entire population then living along the Ohio River. Columbus, the capital, was laid out only ten years before Michael's arrival, as a village in a primeval forest and became the capital of the state four years later, about the same time Wooster had become the county seat of Wayne County.

## Wayne County

Wayne County, as now is, was still very much a wilderness when Deacon Michael Gerber arrived. Only fourteen years before the first house was built in what now is Wooster, the county seat to which it was made a few years later by state law. Wayne County was established by proclamation of General Arthur St. Clair when the North West Territory was created into a government and he was chosen its Governor from 1788 to 1803 when Ohio was admitted to the union.

It must be remembered from its original boundary, as proclaimed by Governor St. Clair, that Wayne County embraced a large area of the old Northwest Territory. It included about one-third part of the present State of Ohio, one-eighth part of the State of Indiana, the northeast corner of Illinois (including the site of the city of Chicago), the eastern part, about one-fifth of the present state of Wisconsin, the whole state of Michigan, all of Lake Michigan, and half of Lake Superior, Huron, and St. Clair, and Northwest part of Lake Erie, covered an area of 133,000 square miles, a larger area than England, Scotland, Ireland and Wales. (The 150th Anniversary celebration was held in 1938 in memory of the Northwest Territory which was created by the Government in 1787.)

Wayne County was surveyed into ranges and townships by the government of the United States in the year of 1807.

Sugar Creek Township was organized only 10 years prior to Michael Gerber's arrival, in 1812. The first settlers in Sugar Creek Township were

John Kenney and John Goudy, which was about 1809, and in 1819 Peter and Ulrich Lehman, Isaac Sommer and David Kirchhofer came from Switzerland and made their temporary home in the log school house where No. 2 school house now stands near the State Experiment Station. About two months later they moved to Sugar Creek Township and founded the settlement of Sonnenberg. In 1822 two more families joined them; one our ancestor Michael Gerber and his children and brother Ulrich and sister Barbara.

Arriving in the new settlement here, he acquired the southeast quarter of Section 28, etc., in Sugar Creek Township, for \$450.00, where his great-grandson, Rufus Gerber, now lives, and with his sturdy sons, John and Ulrich, proceeded to carve a home-stead out of the tough wildwood. The original deed for this quarter section was obtained by one George Pfoutz, of Harrison County, down near the Ohio River; by an act providing for the sale of a tract of land in Northwest Territory; he had deposited in the General Land Office at Canton, Ohio, a certificate of the Register, that full payment had been made for this parcel of land.

Howe says: When Wooster was first settled in 1807, there were no white inhabitants between Wooster and Lake Erie, and on the west none short of the Maumee River and Fort Wayne, Indiana; on the south, none until within a few miles of Coshocton, and those on the Tuscarawas were the nearest on the East. The following is the record of population when the first census was taken in Wayne County:

In 1810 the population was 332  
In 1820 the population was 11,993  
In 1860 the population was 32,438  
In 1920 the population was 41,346.  
The population of Ohio in 1800 was 236,365.

### **Building of the Ohio Canal**

Running from Cleveland to Portsmouth, on the Ohio River, a distance of 307 miles, work was begun on the Ohio Canal in 1825, and completed in 1832, at a cost of \$5,000,000.

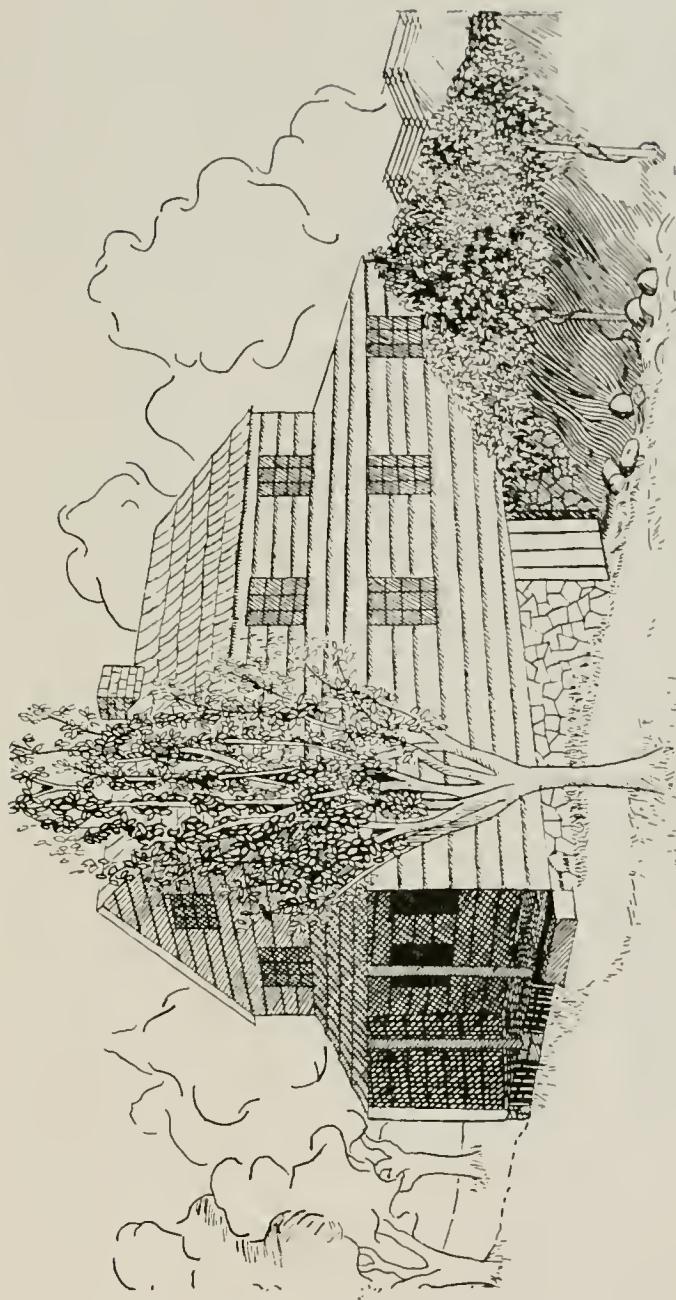
Surveys were made through Wayne County in 1823, from the head of the Kilbuck, and on south through the County to Millersburg. A sale of town lots was offered in May 1824 in Millersburg, which reads: The situation is high, pleasant and healthy on the navigable water, and on the Kilbuck line of the Ohio Canal.

It is said the route through Wayne County was defeated by a single vote, which then went through Massillon, the Ohio Canal furnished a ready market for farmers, and paid cash for their produce. The date of its completion defines the transition period in the early history of Wayne County. The nearest flour mill at that time was at Canton, to which the early pioneer went on horse back with a sack of wheat to be ground into flour, which took one day's trip to the mill and the next day he would go back home.

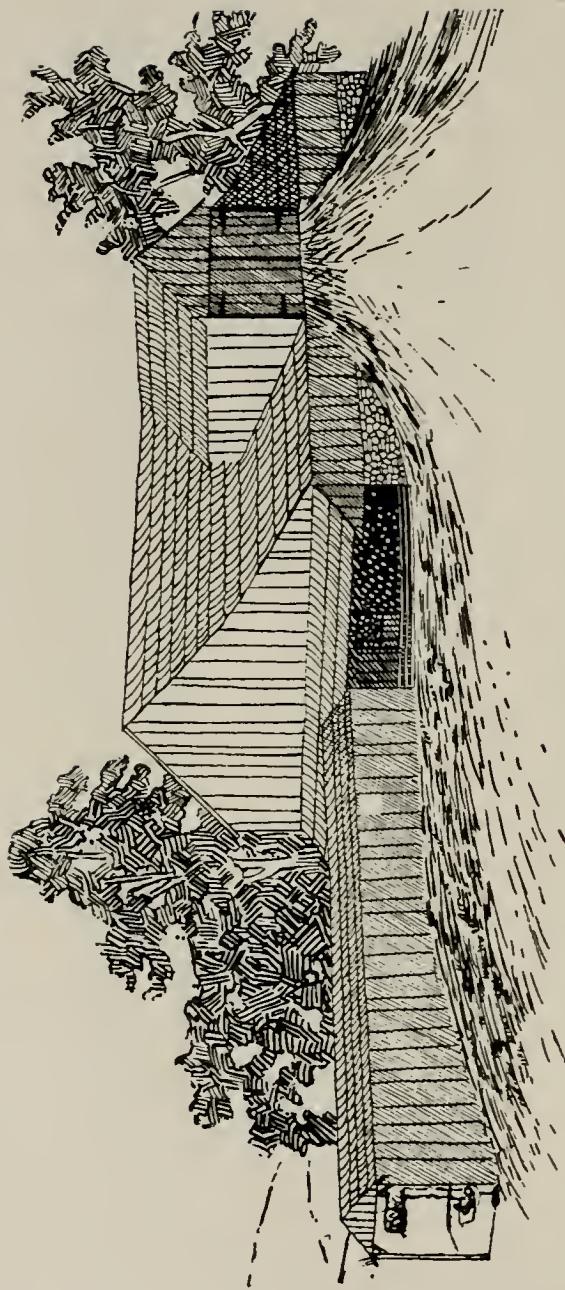
Corn was a new product to the new settlers which name arrived from the Indian, called Indian Corn. It was then greatly relished when made into mush and fried, and, also, baked into corn bread.

Received, October 25, 1822, of Michael Gerber  
two dollars and ~~forty~~ cents in full of the  
tax charged for the year 1822 on the ~~6~~  
quarter of sect. ~~6~~ in township ~~16~~ range 11  
in the county of Wayne. *John Hinkley, Collector.*

This is the first tax receipt that was paid by Michael Gerber in 1822 at Sugar Creek township, Wayne County, Ohio. Many old tax receipts are still preserved and in possession by Rufus Gerber.



Second house that was built on the Michael Gerber homestead, by John M. Gerber, Sr., in about 1840 when he had purchased this parcel from his father in 1837 for \$450. The previous house had been a crude log cabin with two rooms, had one fireplace for cooking and heating. The attic was also used for a bedroom.



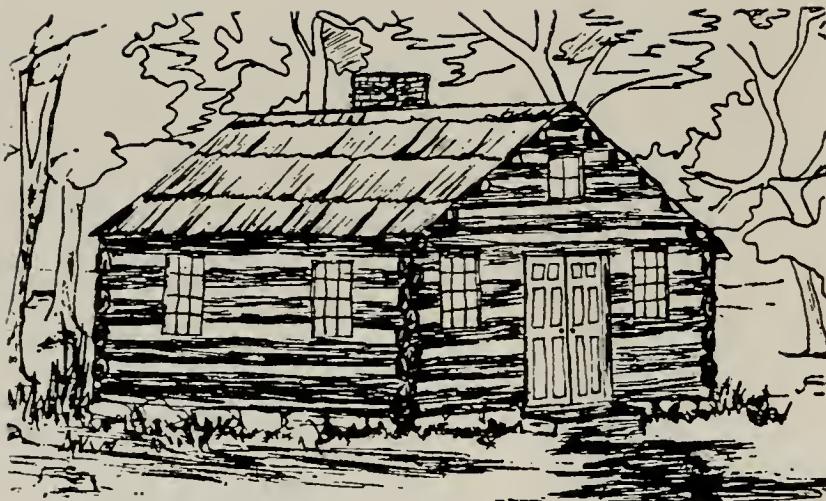
#### **First Bank Barn**

The first bank barn on the Old Homestead was built after the same pattern as the barns they had in Switzerland, where they could build the driveway to the barn on the hillside, so they could drive in on the gable end, or over the roof plates, to unload their grain. This was for ease of unloading from the wagons to the mow below. The barn had two barn floors—the top floor for unloading, and the second floor was used as a threshing floor. At that time horses were used to tramp out the grain or flails for threshing out the grains.

The long shed at the end of the barn is a cider press, used in pioneer times. The apples were ground by horse power and the press was constructed of a heavy, long piece of timber.

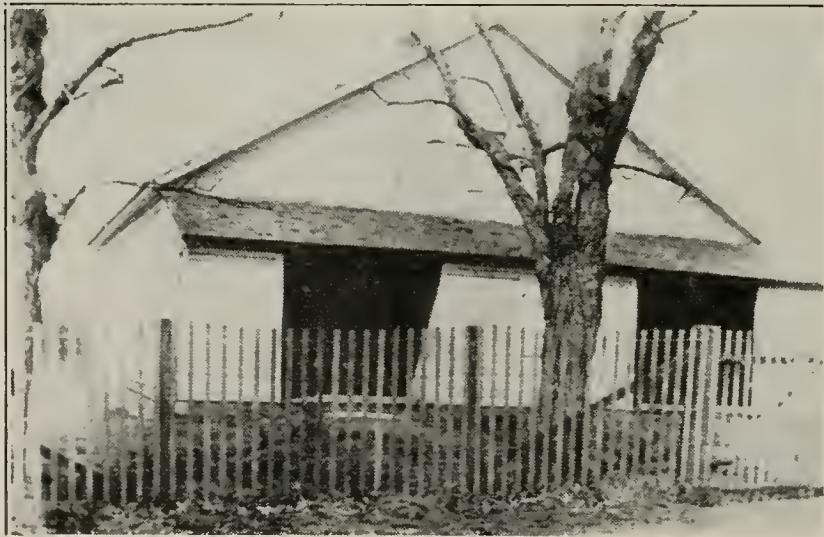


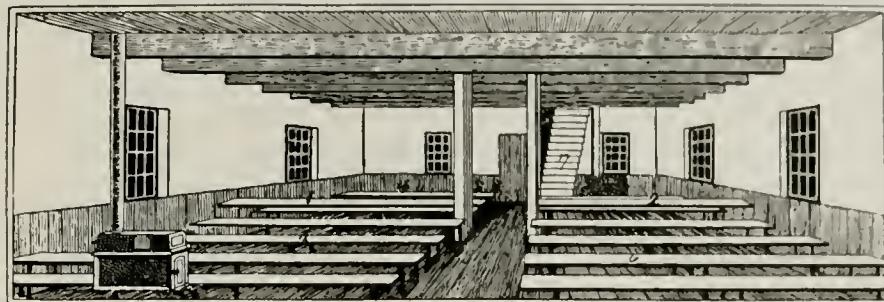
The above picture is the present and third building built on the old homestead, the barn was built in 1889 and the house was built in 1898 by Daniel M. Gerber, and is now occupied by Rufus Gerber, Fourth Generation. This parcel of land still remains in the same family since it was purchased from the Government land agent in 1822.



**First and Second Church built by the Mennonite Swiss Congregation, 1834 and 1861 respectively.**

The Sonnenberg settlement had its beginning in the year 1819 and in 1820 the Sonnenberg Mennonite Church was organized. The first minister was John Lehman, and in 1822 Michael Gerber arrived from Switzerland and was their first deacon. Before this church was built in 1834 there were about two dozen families, who had all arrived from Switzerland and had their worship in private homes. The size of the church house was 30 feet by 30 feet and was made from logs hewn on two sides. The attic was used as a council room. This church building was also used for school purposes. The second church house was built in 1861, size 40 feet by 50 feet.





**Inside of the First Church (log) house  
built at Sonnenberg in 1834**

Two persons are living (1938) in the Settlement that have attended church services and also went to the German school in the above named building about eighty years ago: namely, D. A. Schneck and Mrs. Peter Sommer, Sr., (Grandma Anna Sommer). Although she has lost her eye sight, she has a very keen remembrance of this church building and could relate much information described herein. Six months of school was the winter term and six weeks for the summer school. Teachers were hired if they could read, write and figure for teaching, only in German. Reading, writing, spelling and arithmetic were all the studies required.

The benches or seats were made of slab boards, and the minister's and singer's table in the center of the room, were removed and taken up in the attic when school was in session, and again put up for church services which were held every two weeks on the Sabbath day.

The figure 1 represents the minister's table in center of the room, and figure 2 was the table for the song leader and other brethren and sisters that joined the singing, but all was congregational singing and in unison. Figure 3 was the old men's corner, facing toward the center table, as did also all the others. Figure 4 was the women's place. Figure 5 was the young girls; Figure 6 was for the young men or boys. The figure 7, access to the attic from the door outside, where the ministers had their council room. Entrance doors were at each end of the aisle. The north door was for women and the south door for men.

When going to church all walked, old and young, and they enjoyed it, for they had the great privilege to worship God in a land where freedom of worship of the Creator was unmolested.



### **First Burial Place of the Sonnenberg Church**

Elizabeth (Lederman) Gerber was the first person buried there. She was the wife of Ulrich Gerber, a brother to Michael of this genealogy. About 60 other pioneers of the settlement were buried there and nearly that many children, but no record has been kept of the children if they had not joined as members of the Church. Only one some relative descendants erected a tombstone with the sandstone marker was erected there for the graves. In 1900 following German inscription:

Hier ruht mancher müde Pilger,  
Die für Jesu tapfer kämpfen,  
Fröhlich werden sie einst auferstehn  
Und zu Jesus in den Himmel gehn.

# INTRODUCTION, GENEALOGY OF CHRISTIAN GERBER, FATHER OF MICHAEL

<p>1. Michael Gerber Born 1763 Married Anna Neuen-schwaender Born about 1769</p> <p>2. Christian Born 1768 Married Anna Habegger</p> <p>3. Barbara, born 1773, married Ulrich Lehman</p> <p>4. Ulrich, born 1783 first wife Elizabeth Lederman Second wife Barbara Falb</p>	<p>1. Barbara Gerber Hofstetter 2. Anna Gerber Zuercher 3. Catharina Gerber Falb 4. John M. Gerber 5. Ulrich Gerber</p> <p>1. Jacob Gerber first wife Anna Lehman Second wife Elizabeth Lehman</p> <p>2. Catharina Gerber Married Pete Liechty. Pete died in Switzerland, Catharina came to U. S. A., 1853. Voyage on sail boat 30 days.</p> <p>3. No children</p> <p>4. These descendants are recorded in this Genealogy.</p>	<p>The descendants of these five children are recorded in this genealogy.</p>

## **FRAGMENTARY HISTORICAL INTRODUCTION OF OUR ANCESTOR AND RELATIVES**

To trace the ancestry back to the first man who bore the name of Gerber would indeed be a very interesting bit of history, but this is an impossibility, however desirable. The name Gerber evidently originated from the occupation in which the man who first received his name from the trade he was engaged in. The German name Gerber means Tanner (a tanner of hides). Many names thus originated.

The author of this book was successful in getting history records concerning the Gerber family from the manuscript collection of the States Archives of the Canton of Bern, Switzerland, concerning Mennonites (Anabaptists) of the Gerber families, dating back to the year 1566 and up to the seventeenth century, by our friend and relative Christ Lerch an employee at the Archives of Bern, Switzerland. Thanks to him for his great effort put forth, by which he has done all that could be traced which was on records, regarding our ancestors, given elsewhere in this book. You will note the History of Persecution of the Gerbers dated from the year 1566 and later. The relation could not be traced that far back, yet it is possible that some of the martyrs were our ancestors. According to the following statement signed as follows: An act of Reunion was issued on November 5, 1815, by the government, to the Mennonites, for their protection by law and their wor-

shipping privileges. A few weeks later on, the leaders of the Mennonites met at Bevilard and commissioned a public notary to write a letter of thanks to the Bernese Government (letter written elsewhere in this book) which was signed by:

Ulrich Rötlishberger  
Jacob Engel  
Michael Gerber.

Here is where we have our first record of our ancestor, Deacon Michael Gerber, a minister recorded at that time, and then went to U. S. A. in the year 1822, and as there was no minister recorded there by that name after 1823, he deserves a thankful memory as a leader of the Mennonites.

The author will make note here: The relatives of our ancestor who were also pioneers in our Sonnenberg settlement in the Gerber relationship but belonged to one generation before Michael, which would have made it the eighth generation, and are not counted in the total of this genealogy.

Michael's father's name was Christian Gerber, date of whose birth was not given, but was born about 1730. His wife's name could not be traced. Four children were born to them according to the record found at Chaluet, Switzerland: **Michael**, born 1763; **Christian**, 1768; **Barbara**, 1773; **Ulrich**, 1783. The above were all born at Chaluet, a lonesome valley in the parish of Court, Switzerland. The following is a brief trace of the four children:

- I. Michael, the stem of the genealogy in this book, went to U. S. A. 1822.

II. Christian, born February 21, 1768, and died May 12, 1850. Married Anna Habegger, February 5, 1788. Anna was born 1761, died Sept. 15, 1811. They lived at Chaluet, Switzerland, the only one of the four children that did not come to America. Two children, Jacob and Catharina, were born.

1. Jacob Gerber, born May 29, 1790 and died April 10, 1869. Jacob was born at Chaluet and at the age of 32 years went to America in 1822 with his uncle, Michael Gerber. (Refer corresponding letter from Switzerland elsewhere in this book. Page 37.) Here he married Anna P. Lehman May 1826. Anna died April 28, 1839. The following children were born to this union:

- 1) Christian, died in childhood.
- 2) Elizabeth, born October 14, 1831 and died in 1917. She was married to Jacob Baumgartner. Had no children.
- 3) Peter J. Gerber was born January 12, 1838 and died May 13, 1913. He was married to Maryann Nussbaum June 5, 1873. Three children were born to this union: Jacob, Joshua, and David (deceased).  
Jacob Gerber was again married the second time to Elizabeth Lehman, April 21, 1842. The children from this issue are Magdalena, Anna and Katharina.
- 4) Magdalena, born October 16, 1843 and died \_\_\_\_\_. She was married to Abe Schwartz October 8, 1893 and had no children.

- 5) Anna was born June 21, 1847. Was married to Peter Sommer. Anna was the fourth child born to Jacob Gerber, and is still living. She attended school and worshipped in the first church built in 1834 on Sonnenberg, and was also privileged to attend at the fourth church house built 1937 where she worships. Eight children were born to this union: William, deceased; Jacob, deceased; Daniel; Sarah, deceased; she was the first wife of E. P. Gerber, compiler of this book; David; Joel; Fanny; Christ and Emma.
- 6) Katharine was born August 28, 1848 and died December 23, 1922. She married Daniel Tschantz October 22, 1874. Both were of the Sonnenberg Church. No children were born to them.

2. Catharina Gerber, only daughter of Christian Gerber, brother to Michael. She was born February 5, 1792 and was married to Peter Liechty, 1812, both from Chaluet. Peter was born September 16, 1780, and died in Switzerland. Catharina, with eight children, came to America in 1853 and settled, first on Sonnenberg, later went to Berne, Indiana, where most all of the children had settled down. Catharina died 1875. Their children's names are Barbara, Christian, Anna, Jacob, Emanuel, Marianna, Elizabeth, and Rebecca.

- 1) Barbara, born 1813, married to Clause Liechty. To them were born five children,

Clause and Johanas, twins, Solomon, Christian and Elizabeth.

- 2) Christian Liechty, born 1815, married Anna Luginbuhl. They had ten children, whose names are Katy, Jacob, Emanuel, Benedict, Marian, Christian, John, Peter, Anna and Rachel.
- 3) Anna, born 1818, married Ulrich Schwartz. Two children were born to them but both died.
- 4) Jacob L. born 1821, married Manna Marie Tschume. Eight children were born to them: Samuel, Emanuel, Christian, Jacob, Peter, Elizabeth, Anna and Joel.
- 5) Emanuel, born 1825, died 1920, married Elizabeth Kirchhofer (b. 1845, d. 1892). He came to America in 1853, with his mother, settled first in Wayne County, Ohio. Ten years later went to Adams Co., Indiana. They were blessed with fourteen children as follows: Carolina, Kathrina, Sarah, Emil, Edward, Henry, Mary, Samuel, Fred, Ida, Lena, Amos, Elizabeth and Bertha.
- 6) Marianna, born 1828, married David Winteregg. Seven children were born to this union: Elizabeth, John, Anna, David, Judith, Dan and Joel.
- 7) Elizabeth, born 1828, married Jacob Steiner. Ten children were born to this union, Sam, John, (one son died), Jacob, (Sarah, died), Rebecca, Fred, Mary, Christina, Anna.

8) Rebecca, born — married Peter C. A. Lehman, Fortuna, Missouri. Seven children were born to them: Carolina, Mary, Ben, Frank, Katy, Reuben and Harve.

A letter written on March 6, 1842, by Christian Gerber of Switzerland to his son, Jacob Gerber in America:

Chaluet, Switzerland, March 6, 1842.

My dear son, Jakob Gerber:

God's infinite kindness may bless you on earth, but chiefly up there in the eternity with heavenly goods. The Grace of our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ, Amen.

At this occasion I have purposed myself to write. I am well, thanks to God. I wish this might meet you also in good health. Last summr (two words unintelligible) I mailed a letter, in which I wrote that Christian Wiedmer at Montgirod has given me 8 Neutaler (\$44.00) on February 26, 1841. My dear son, Jakob Gerber, please give to Elizabeth Wiedmer or to Christian Wali these 8 Neutaler and 15 batzen of interest from the interest of my money. I many times wished to be with you, but my daughter has told me to wait until she will be able to come with me. Peter Liechti has still rented three farms, the old Hut and the place where Jacob Migel (?) formerly lived, and the one close to his, where Christen lived formerly. He has to pay about 40 Louisd'or (\$220.00) for all them (a year). He buys and sells young horses, he has about 10 (15?), less or more. They are at high price now, from 12 to 18 Louisd'or (\$66.00 to \$99.00). Our people in age to do military service, from 20 to 40 years, must now pay 3 Neutaler (\$16.50) a year (instead of personal service), before it was only 2 Neutaler (\$11.50).

I have the daughter of my daughter with me, Anna, which is married to Ulrich Schwartz. They have a daughter, Annalisi. Ulrich lives with his father and mother at the place where Peter Bichsel formerly lived. Christen Liechti, son of Peter Liechti, is also married. His wife is Anna Lugenbul. Her father came from the Emmental

a few years ago. He has bought the farm where Durs Moser formerly lived. Christen Liechti lives also with him. You may use the yarn and cloth of my sister, as you like it, and also from the brothers, or give to poor people if there are some, or keep it for you as you like it.

Jakob Moser at Petit Champoz will give me 30 Neutaler (\$165.00) from his mother-in-law, to be sent to America. My dear son, J. G., kindly give to the three children of the mother-in-law the 30 Neutaler from the interest of my money. I have 74 Neutaler, (\$470.00) this is the interest of the money of my sister for 8 years. I have given to Christen Tschantz (or Schwartz?) two (one word unintelligible) question books (catechism) for your children. I saw in it that you have divided in peace. I will make an end to my simple letter. Think of me in your prayers like I am willing to do for you. I greet you all together by Jesus Christ, Amen. Send me an answer.

Christen Garber.

III. Barbara Gerber Hofstetter, born at Chaluet, Canton Berne, Switzerland in 1773, came to America with her brother, Michael in 1822. She was married to Ulrich Lehman by Rev. John Lehman on New Year's Day, 1823. This was the first wedding that was performed in the new congregation. Since there was no church house yet, the wedding was held at Rev. John Lehman's home. The whole congregation was invited to this service, which were about twelve families. Brother Abraham Lehman came to the service with wooden shoes. This service on New Year's Day brought great joy to the children as they had never seen any of such like before, but there was no excess of table eats and in dressing of clothing. They built a home where Homer Steiner lives, and the first house is

standing yet. The first story was built of flat stones, the wall being about eighteen inches thick, and the second story was built of logs. There were no children from this issue.

IV. Ulrich Gerber, born 1783, died 1869, a brother to Michael, also came to America at the same time. Ulrich was married in Switzerland to Elizabeth Ledermann; she soon died after they arrived in the settlement, and was the first person that was buried at the Sonnenberg settlement. They had one son, Christian, who lived at Putnam County, Ohio. Christian was born in Wayne County, Ohio, September 6, 1823, and died December 2, 1887. He was married to Mary Basinger, June 1, 1854. Mary, born March 3, 1833. Died June 8, 1917.

Four children were born to this union:

1. Elizabeth, born April 21, 1855, married to Sam Amstutz, Bluffton, Ohio.
2. Leah, born August 5, 1857, married Peter B. Amstutz.
3. David, born February 18, 1860, died December 22, 1935, was married to Fanny Spollinger. She was born April 13, 1861, died December 24, 1906. Four children were born to this union: Amos, Klara, Ruth and Mary.
  - 1) Amos, born June 17, 1887, married Emma Keiner. They have two children, Lucile, born November 23, 1911, and married Marion Hochstetter, and they have one child. David, born January 18, 1935.

- 2) Klara Gerber, born July 19, 1890, married John Habegger. They have three children.
- 3) Ruth Gerber, born April 27, 1892, married Noah Steiner. Two children were born to them.
- 4) Mary Gerber, born July 31, 1894, married Evan Davis.

4. Hanna, fourth child of Christ Gerber, born July 26, 1865, died 1928.

Ulrich married the second wife, Barbara Falb.

The following children came to this union:

1. Catharina was married to Christian Straum in 1852 by Peter Schneck.
2. Michael U. Gerber was baptized April 18, 1841 at Sonnenberg, Ohio. He was married, name not recorded. They had seven children. Thomas, married a Frey. Phillip, married a sister to Thomas' wife. Mary, married John Bracy. Benjamin, is single. Ruth, married Jacob Haury. Martha, born 1868, married Ben Habegger. Elizabeth, born 1875, married John Gerber.
3. Abraham Gerber, married Magdalena Hofstetter, a daughter of Peter Hofstetter. Abraham's descendants are recorded in this genealogy. (See under Branch A, Section II.)

**A SUMMARY OF MICHAEL GERBER DESCENDANTS AND OF THE FIVE  
BRANCHES AND INTO THE SEVENTH GENERATION**

Branch A	B	C	D	E	Total of each Generation
First Generation Stem Michael Gerber 1763-1938					
Second Generation	Barbara (Hofstetter)	Anna (Zuercher)	Katharine (Falb)	John M. Gerber	Ulrich L. Gerber
Third Generation	6	5	5	12	35
Fourth Generation	28	12	13	85	19
Fifth Generation	79	25	51	278	63
Sixth Generation	150	3	20	398	43
Seventh Generation	54			37	1
Total of Each Branch	318	46	90	811	134 + 1 =
					Grand Total 1400

Eleven pairs of twins were born in these seven generations.

# FIRST GENERATION

## Deacon Michael Gerber

### Stem of this Genealogy

Michael was born in the year 1763 at Chaluet, Switzerland (day and month not recorded) and reared in this lonesome mountain valley, in the Parish of Court, where he grew to manhood. His parents came from Habbach, a place in the Emmental, near Langnau, about 40 miles from the Sonnenberg, from where some of our pioneers came to America. In his early youth he accepted his Savior and was baptized into the Mennonite Faith. In the year 1796 he was married to Anna Neuenschwander of the Emmenthal community of the same faith. She was born the same year as Michael was.

They were blessed with five children, three daughters and two sons, Barbara, Anna, Catharina, John and Ulrich. Michael's wife died two years before they came to America, April 9, 1820, and was buried at Court, Township seat, where this record was found.

Michael was ordained as Deacon by lot, as the custom was (date and name of place not recorded). His ordination was made in Switzerland, and he was the first deacon in this Sonnenberg community where the Sonnenberg Swiss Mennonite church was organized.

This is the extent of the record of Michael's life

obtained by our friend, Christ Lerch, Bern, Switzerland, through his diligent search. The story of the trip to America and the times and conditions under which Michael pioneered on this Sonnenberg is found elsewhere in this book.

Father Michael lived to the ripe old age of 78 years, dying March 24, 1841, and was buried at the first burial cemetery at Sonnenberg and went on to his reward.

## **SECOND GENERATION BRANCH A**

### **Barbara (Gerber) Hofstetter**

Barbara Gerber (Hofstetter), oldest daughter of Deacon Michael Gerber, was born in Switzerland, August 1, 1797. She was reared in the Mennonite Church there and emigrated with her father to this country when 25 years old, in 1822. After she was in this country about a year she was wooed and won by a young man of the new settlement by the name of Peter Hofstetter who had arrived in this country the year before from Swiss Sonnenberg on the summit of the Jura Mountains. The wedding took place the year following her arrival here (1823) and was solemnized by the bishop of the new congregation here. Barbara died April 28, 1870. Peter was born 1789 and died September 28, 1837 of Consumption.

### **Original Copy of Church Membership Letter from Switzerland**

Still in possession by Peter J. Hofstetter  
Campton, California

Peter Hofstetter (adopted son) of John Hofstetter was baptized on May 15, 1808, in Langnau, after the custom of the Mennonites in public service and took Holy Communion with the brotherhood, each year on Easter Day, and has been faithful as to our knowledge. Letter of recommendation given at Munsterberg, March 30, 1821, and had left this community in peace. Given our signature witness:

Peter Tuth

Ministers

Peter Sprunger

C. P. Diemer

Coy Zar Herrn, U. B.

Ullereich Lehmani, B. A.

This family was blessed with six children: namely, Katharina, Magdalena, Christ, John, Barbara, and Elizabeth.

## THIRD GENERATION

### SECTION I. BRANCH A

#### **Katharina (Hofstetter) Steiner**

Katharina Hofstetter, oldest daughter of Barbara (Gerber) and Peter Hofstetter, was born on her parent's farm south of Dalton, and baptized by Bishop Peter Schneck into membership of the Sonnenberg Mennonite Church, March 31, 1839. She was married to Christian Steiner of the "Chippewa" settlement north of Orrville, May 5, 1842 by Bishop Daniel Steiner of the local Mennonite Church. Christian was born [redacted] They went to home making in Allen County and were granted the following flock of children:

## FOURTH GENERATION

### Peter Althaus and Family

I. Christine Steiner was born as the oldest daughter of Katharine and Christian Steiner on their farm in Allen County, September 6, 1848, where she was reared to young womanhood and joined into membership of the settlement Mennonite Church. She was married by Bishop John Moser, her pastor, near Bluffton, Ohio, to Peter Althaus, member of the latter's church. The couple went to home making in Bluffton, where Mr. Althaus operated a sawmill, lumber yard and soon became a leading manufacturer of that thriving town. Mrs. Althaus died November 24, 1924, aged 72 years, 2 months and 18 days. They entered membership of the Mennonite Church in the settlement and were instrumental in the building of the First Mennonite Church and also prominent promoters of Bluffton College there. Mr. Althaus preceded his wife in death October 1, 1905, aged 64 years, 4 months and 23 days. He was born May 8, 1841. He was mourned as a great loss to the community, church and college. The following children joined the family:

## FIFTH GENERATION

1. Amos C. Althaus, Troutdale, Oregon, born July 6, 1876, was married to Lenore Williams, Ottawa, Ohio, February 6, 1909, by Rev. E. M. Page, Ottawa, O. The couple went to Troutdale, Oregon, to farming. Lenore was born October 25, 1883. They have one child:

## SIXTH GENERATION

- 1) Helen Florence Althaus, born March 26, 1910. She is a student.

## FIFTH GENERATION

### Peter Althaus Family Continued

2. William Henry Althaus was born July 11, 1878. He became an electrician, but died April 10, 1919. He was never married.
3. Mary Emma Althaus was born April 17, 1880 and was married February 27, 1907 to E. T. Paul, of Bluffton, but settled at Lewisburg, Preble County, Ohio, where he is engaged in some trade. Mr. E. T. Paul was born December 10, 1876. They are members of the Lutheran Church. They have five children, as follows:

## SIXTH GENERATION

- 1) Gertrude Christine Paul was born March 12, 1908. She was married March 2, 1931 to Richard K. Ayres. He is engaged as store manager. The couple belong to the Methodist Church. They have no children.
- 2) Mary Virginia Paul, born May 16, 1909, was married to Ralph Kircher, October 7, 1933. Mr. Kircher is an advertiser. They are Presbyterians. They have one son:

## SEVENTH GENERATION

- (1) Dudley Paul Kircher, born November 12, 1934.

## SIXTH GENERATION CONTINUED

- 3) Edwin LeRoy Paul, Lewisburg, Ohio, born November 1, 1910. He is clerking. Religion, Presbyterian.

- 4) James Eugene Paul, born June 6, 1912, salesman; religion, Lutheran.
- 5) Henry Justin Paul, born August 18, 1914, student, Lutheran.

#### FIFTH GENERATION

#### **Peter Althaus Family Continued**

4. Florence Aldine Althaus was born October 16, 1881 and married to Harl Mann, Bluffton, Ohio, August 22, 1908 by Rev. Hege. No children are reported of this union. Mrs. Mann died December 18, 1912. Mr. Mann is a sales clerk in a store at Bluffton.
5. Clara Belle Althaus was born December 11, 1883. She died in her childhood, June 17, 1890.
6. Elmer Lee was born April 27, 1885 and died an infant, May 14, 1887.
7. Lillie May, twin sister of the above, died an infant, September 11, 1885.
8. Wilbur Ray Althaus, Lewisburg, Ohio, was born September 12, 1887 at Bluffton, Ohio, and married February 14, 1915 by Rev. Wm. S. Gottshall, his pastor, to Vida E. Amstutz. Farmer. Mrs. Vida was born September 20, 1889, Bluffton, Ohio. They worship at the U. P. Church. They have three children as below:

#### SIXTH GENERATION

- 1) James Horace, born January 2, 1921. Lewisburg, Ohio.
- 2) Margaret Jeanne, born July 6, 1924. Lewisburg, Ohio.
- 3) Judson Paul, born April 6, 1929. Lewisburg, Ohio.

## **FOURTH GENERATION**

### **Christian Steiner Family Continued**

II. Tobias Steiner, second issue of Katharine (Hofstetter) and Christian Steiner, was born January 18, 1844 and married to Elizabeth Steiner, born January 11, 1849, daughter of John Steiner, November 7, 1867. The couple lived at Bluffton, Ohio, and raised the following children:

### **FIFTH GENERATION CONTINUED**

#### **Tobias Steiner Family**

1. Martha Steiner was born near Bluffton, Ohio, January 21, 1869, and married to Ephraim Steiner of Orrville, Ohio. He was born July 9, 1867.

The family moved to Oregon and later to Upland, California, where he died. The following children were born to them:

### **SIXTH GENERATION**

1) Gladys Steiner, Molalla, Oregon, was born March 15, 1895 at Pratum, Oregon. She is a Methodist. She was married to Marion Corbin, Molalla, Oregon, by Rev. Holmes K. Ehrson at Dallas, Oregon, March 20, 1915. Marion was born February 12, 1885. Have one child.

### **SEVENTH GENERATION**

(1) Norman Corbin, born on September 11, 1921.

### **SIXTH GENERATION CONTINUED**

2) Pharis Steiner, born at Pratum, Oregon, September 19, 1897, was married to Ina

Pool, present address Upland, California. They are Baptists. One child:

#### SEVENTH GENERATION

- (1) Patricia Marjorie Steiner.

#### SIXTH GENERATION CONTINUED

- 3) Elno Steiner, born at Pratum, Oregon, June 21, 1899, was married to Nellie Couper (Address, San Diego, California). They are Presbyterians.
- 4) Isaiah Steiner, Pratum, Oregon, was born April 10, 1901. Address, Santa Barbara, California. They are Mennonites.
- 5) Priscilla Steiner, Pratum, Oregon, was born April 3, 1904. She was married to Fred Deen, 1694 Massachusetts St., San Bernardino, California. They are Mennonites.
- 6) Arvilla Steiner, Pratum, Oregon, was born October 31, 1906. Address, Upland, California. She is a Mennonite.

#### FIFTH GENERATION

##### **Tobias Steiner Family Continued**

2. Miriam Steiner, born November 12, 1870, was married, April 8, 1891, to Rev. Adam Welty, Lima, Ohio, Rescue Mission. Adam was born July 3, 1860, a son of Fred and Katharina (Steiner) Welty on a farm in the settlement between Bluffton and Pandora, Ohio. First a public school teacher Mr. Welty launched into city mission work at Lima, Ohio, where he has labored devotedly ever since. But Mrs. Welty, the subject of this paragraph, died in

February 26, 1909. (See Rev. Welty's complete life story in the Welty Book, page 155 ff). To this union were born the following children:

#### SIXTH GENERATION

- 1) Glenn Valentine Welty, born February 14, 1892, died March 29, 1893.
- 2) Sylvanus Roy Welty, Fort Wayne, Indiana, 408-410 Citizens Trust Bldg., born August 1, 1893, was married November 27, 1934 to Grace Mellen. A Bluffton College graduate, he first took theological training at Princeton, N. J., and at McCormick, Chicago, preached a few years and engaged in other church work, then studied law and is located in Fort Wayne, in law practice. They are Presbyterians.
- 3) Frederick Arthur Welty, Homestead, Pa., born at Berne, Indiana, March 15, 1896. Also graduate of Bluffton College. He is an accomplished tenorist, minister of music, teacher and choir director. He was married July 1, 1930 to Margaret Koester, Piqua, Ohio, by Rev. A. D. Welty. They are Presbyterians.
- 4) Ruth Elizabeth Welty, born August 3, 1900, at Lima, Ohio, was married November 23, 1921 to Chester A. Churchill, Lima, Ohio. They are Methodists. Two children were born to them, died in infancy. Mr. Churchill is engaged in road building.
- 5) Paul David Welty, born July 31, 1902, unmarried, is assisting his father in the mission.

6) Katharine Ann Welty, born September 27, 1904, was married August 2, 1924, to Rev. C. W. Jones, Chicago, Illinois, by Rev. Paul Rader. Rev. and Mrs. Jones are missionaries at Quito, Ecuador, South America. Children:

#### SEVENTH GENERATION

- (1) Miriam Ruth Jones, born at Chicago, Illinois, April 29, 1925.
- (2) Marjorie Jones, born at Chicago, March 8, 1927.
- (3) D. Richard Jones, born at Chicago, December 13, 1931.
- (4) Nancy Jones, born at Quito, S. A., May, 1934.

#### FIFTH GENERATION

#### **Tobias Steiner Family Continued**

3. Mary Steiner, born June 29, 1873, was married to C. U. Widmer at Bluffton, Ohio, on November 10, 1891 by Rev. John Moser, Mennonite Church. Address, Upland, California. Mr. Widmer was born in Switzerland, July 24, 1866.

#### SIXTH GENERATION

- 1) Nelson Widmer, born February 1, 1895, at Lima, Ohio, was married to Marguerite Jeanerete in 1926, at New York City by City Hall Justice. Address, Lebanon, Kentucky, 210 Proctor Knott Ave. S. Marguerite Jeanerete was born in Sonvilier, Switzerland, September 7, 1895. Presbyterian. Two children:

## SEVENTH GENERATION

- (1) Marie Louise Widmer, born July 1, 1929, Lebanon, Ky.
- (2) Nelson David, Jr., born November 6, 1934, Lebanon, Ky.

## SIXTH GENERATION CONTINUED

- 2) Paul E. Widmer, born September 12, 1897 at Lima, Ohio. Mennonite. Now at Los Angeles, California.
- 3) Lillian A. Widmer, born at Niagara Falls, N. Y., March 31, 1902. She is a Mennonite. Address, East Orange, N. J.
- 4) Rhoda J. Widmer, born at Niagara Falls, N. Y., April 29, 1905. Mennonite. Address, Bakersfield, California.
- 5) Eunice Widmer, born at Upland, California, May 28, 1916.

## FIFTH GENERATION

### **Tobias Steiner Family Continued**

4. Anna Steiner, born July 11, 1876 near Bluffton, Ohio, was married to Noah Herr in 1893 by Rev. John Moser, Mennonite Church, near Bluffton, Ohio. Noah left his wife and three children in 1907 to battle their own life and he resides at Mexico City, Mexico. Anna married her second husband John W. Mohr in 1913 at Niagara Falls, N. Y. They lived at Upland, California, where he died in 1922 and Anna died in the year 1923 at Pasadena, California. Three children were born of the first marriage.

## SIXTH GENERATION

- 1) Oliver Ray Herr, Berkeley, California, 2931 Pine Ave., born near Bluffton, Ohio, October 12, 1896, married to Lois Fox in 1927. They have three children:

## SEVENTH GENERATION

- (1) Lois Gertrude Herr, born 1929.
- (2) Anna Louise Herr, born 1931.
- (3) John Everet Herr, born 1933.

## SIXTH GENERATION CONTINUED

- 2) Ralph Gilbert Herr, San Marine, California, 1862 Alpine Dr., born on March 27, 1900 near Bluffton, Ohio, married to Mable Frank in 1927. Presbyterians. Three children came into this union:

## SEVENTH GENERATION

- (1) Ralph Gilbert Herr, Jr., born in 1929.
- (2) Florence Lucella Herr, born in 1931.
- (3) Oliver Frank Herr, born in 1932.

## SIXTH GENERATION CONTINUED

- 3) Marvel Lucile Herr, Pasadena, California, 1446 Oakdale Ave., was born June 11, 1902 near Bluffton, Ohio, and married to Clyde Dunlap, (widower with three children), September 8, 1934 at Pasadena, California, by Dr. Blue. They are Presbyterians.

## FIFTH GENERATION

### **Tobias Steiner Family Continued**

5. Katharine Steiner, born March 29, 1877, unmarried, deceased.

6. Abraham Steiner, Gold Beach, Oregon, was born April 14, 1879. He was married to Elizabeth January, 1905, by Catholic Priest at Spokane, Washington. Elizabeth, born in Germany, August 31, 1879. Six children were born to this union.

#### SIXTH GENERATION

- 1) Edward C. Steiner, Bridgeport, Connecticut, 202 Washington Avenue, born November 3, 1905, at Spokane, Washington. He is a Mechanical Engineer and has followed this profession since his graduation from Chaffey College, Ontario, California. Edward, a Presbyterian, was married to Martha J. Yager, born in El Paso, Texas, January 2, 1912, a Lutheran, on June 15, 1930 at the Lutheran Church. Two children blessed their home.

#### SEVENTH GENERATION

- (1) Barbara Jean Steiner, born July 25, 1931, El Paso, Texas.
- (2) Shirley Anne Steiner, born March 25, 1935, Bridgeport, Connecticut.
- 2) Lee Steiner, born November 7, 1907, died at the age of 3½ years.
- 3) Frederick A. Steiner, born August 16, 1909, Cleveland, Ohio, 1866 E. 20 St.
- 4) Julius C. Steiner, born August 19, 1911, Gold Beach, Oregon.
- 5) Mary E. Steiner, born August 20, 1913, Oakland, California, 422 41 St.
- 6) George A. Steiner, born June 5, 1916, Gold

Beach, Oregon. George was born at Plains, Montana, all other children were born at Spokane, Washington.

## FIFTH GENERATION

### **Tobias Steiner Family Continued**

7. Susan Steiner, born at Bluffton, Ohio, February 25, 1883, married to C. F. Diemer. Children:

## SIXTH GENERATION

- 1) Julian Diemer, born June 23, 1902, married July 3, 1931.
- 2) Josephine Diemer, married to Richard Matter, 822 W. State St., Fort Wayne, Indiana.
- 3) Grover Diemer, married Carrie Gump, 4008 Park Hill, Fort Wayne, Indiana.

Susan was married to Will Diller after Diemer's death, and thirdly to Frank Stalter. No children from either.

## FIFTH GENERATION CONTINUED

8. Grover Steiner, born October 10, 1885, Bluffton, Ohio. Address, Riverside, California. He was married to Hazel Hoover by Dr. A. W. Atkinson, December 25, 1910, at Riverside, California. Hazel was born May 4, 1889 at Dayton, Ohio. The entire family are Methodists. Two children:

## SIXTH GENERATION

- 1) Hoover Steiner, born July 17, 1918, Riverside, California.
- 2) Burdette Steiner, born March 11, 1923.

## FIFTH GENERATION

### Tobias Steiner Family Concluded

9. Monroe Steiner, born May 1, 1887, deceased,  
was married to Studler, Fort Wayne,  
Indiana.
10. Louise Steiner, born married  
to Adolph Studler, 1903, Fort Wayne, Indiana,  
2115 Wells St. Three children:

## SIXTH GENERATION

- 1) Laurette Studler, born Fort  
Wayne, Indiana, 2115 Wells St.
- 2) Evelyn Studler, born mar-  
ried to Carl Riedel June 29, 1925.
- 3) Francis Studler, born

## FOURTH GENERATION

### Christian Steiner Descendants Continued

#### Daniel Steiner Family

III. Daniel Steiner, second son and third child of Christian and Katharine (Hofstetter) Steiner, was born December 22, 1850 near Bluffton, Ohio, and married to Sarah Kohli, March 1872 at Bluffton, Ohio, by Rev. Abraham Schneck of the Reformed Church. The family address is Findlay, Ohio. Six children were born to them:

## FIFTH GENERATION

1. Minnie Steiner, born July 26, 1873, died November 9, 1929. She was married to Lee Arnold of Findlay, Ohio, and belonged to the Disciple Church. Three children came into their family:

## SIXTH GENERATION

- 1) Earl Sonnet was born October 12, 1896. He was married to Bernice M. Bish, February 14, 1920 at Findlay, Ohio, by Rev. LeRoy DeHayes. The following are their children:

## SEVENTH GENERATION

- (1) Roselyn M. Arnold, Findlay, Ohio, was born June 14, 1922.
- (2) Orrville E. Arnold, born August 3, 1924.
- (3) James L. Arnold, born Feb. 5, 1928.
- (4) Robert L. Arnold, born Nov. 17, 1934.

## SIXTH GENERATION CONTINUED

- 2) Orrville L. Arnold, Findlay, Ohio, born July 22, 1898, died November 1, 1909.
- 3) Flora R. Arnold was born November 9, 1900 and married at Monroe, Michigan, to George A. Carter of Daley City, California, by Rev. Knowles, June 14, 1917. Four children increased their family:

## SEVENTH GENERATION

- (1) Arthur Lee Carter, born at New Washington, Calif., December 6, 1919.
- (2) Lawrence C. Carter, born at Chicago, Illinois, August 23, 1925.
- (3) Madaline J. Carter, born at Chicago, Illinois, April 6, 1927.
- (4) Arline Mae Carter, born at Cleveland, Ohio, February 1, 1930.

## FIFTH GENERATION

### Daniel Steiner Family Continued

2. Francis Steiner was born at Bluffton, Ohio, January 29, 1875, and died March 22, 1903. He was married to Lydia Schifferly of Bluffton, Ohio, February 6, 1896, by Rev. F. M. Engleman. She was born June 28, 1876. They belonged to the Reformed Church. They were farmers. Three children born to them were:

## SIXTH GENERATION

- 1) Luella Mae Steiner was born June 22, 1896. She was married to Walter M. Hochstetler, September 6, 1917. They live at Elida, Ohio, and belong to the Reformed Church. Walter was born December 31, 1895. They have had six children, two of whom died in infancy. Those living are:

## SEVENTH GENERATION

- (1) Robert James Hochstetler, born March 3, 1918.
- (2) died in infancy.
- (3) Francis Laverne Hochstetler, born at Beaver Dam, Ohio, May 17, 1920.
- (4) Esther Marcyle Hochstetler, born November 12, 1923.
- (5) Treva May Hochstetler, born December 15, 1925.
- (6) Harold Hochstetler, born April 29, 1931, died March 28, 1935.

## SIXTH GENERATION CONTINUED

- 2) Carrie Edith Steiner, Bluffton, Ohio, was

born at Findlay, Ohio, December 17, 1898. She was married to John R. Stettler, Bluffton, Ohio, by their pastor, Rev. Lahr of the Reformed Church. Stettler was born September 22, 1892. He operates a filling station. Four children joined their family:

#### SEVENTH GENERATION

- (1) Harriet Lenore Stettler, born at Beaver Dam, Ohio, June 26, 1918. She married Wayne Lugibihl, Bluffton, Ohio.
- (2) Allen Theodore Stettler, born at Bluffton, Ohio, November 15, 1920.
- (3) John Richard Stettler, born February 17, 1923.
- (4) Miriam Coleen Stettler, born November 13, 1937.

#### SIXTH GENERATION CONTINUED

- 3) Francis Samuel Steiner, Fort Wayne, Indiana, 1821 Hale Ave., born at Bluffton, Ohio, October 11, 1903, Reformed. He was married to Lillian Balmer, Bluffton, Ohio, February 25, 1928, by Rev. Weldon Klopfenstine, Fort Wayne, Indiana. Lillian is affiliated with the Ebenezer Mennonite Church at Bluffton, Ohio. She was born December 20, 1908. Two children were born to them:

#### SEVENTH GENERATION

- (1) Francis Samuel Steiner, Jr. born July 31, 1930, at Lutheran Hospital.
- (2) Gloria Carol Steiner, born February 10, 1936.

## FIFTH GENERATION

### Daniel Steiner Family Continued

3. Kort Steiner, born June, 1876, died in 1903. He was married twice, once to Lizzie Miskie. There were no children.
4. Nettie Steiner, born and died September 1, 1915. She was married to Dr. J. L. Davis, Unionville, Ohio.
5. Evaline Steiner, born December 27, 1887, was married to Robert M. Beltz at Findlay, Ohio, October 30, 1897, by Rev. Havinghorth. Robert was born July 21, 1871. Address, Findlay, Ohio, 1321 S. Blanchard. Evaline died in 1936. Three children were born to them:

## SIXTH GENERATION

- 1) Fred A. Beltz, born August 22, 1898, was married to Elsie Stohon, Toledo, Ohio, December 16, 1922 by Rev. A. M. Doyle, Detroit, Michigan. Elsie, born July 27, 1899, Catholic. Mr. Beltz's occupation is time keeper. Address, Toledo, Ohio, 3825 Baltimore St. Children born are:

## SEVENTH GENERATION

- (1) Robert Beltz, Toledo, Ohio, born September 9, 1925.
- (2) Thelma Beltz, born March 29, 1928.
- (3) Patricia Ann Beltz, born Feb. 4, 1933.

## SIXTH GENERATION CONTINUED

- 2) Marguerite Beltz, Toledo, Ohio, 640 Elysian Ave., born July 29, 1904, at Findlay,

Ohio, was married to Vern Perney, Toledo, Ohio, November 23, 1923, by Rev. R. D. Lehman, Toledo, Ohio. Vern was born September 9, 1900, his occupation is plasterer. Five children were born to them:

#### SEVENTH GENERATION

- (1) Harold V. Perney, born March 30, 1925.
- (2) Marie L. Perney, born May 12, 1926.
- (3) Bettie Lou Perney, born Sept. 6, 1930.
- (4) Donald Delphin Perney, born February 1, 1932.
- (5) Vernard Perney, born July 25, 1934.

#### SIXTH GENERATION CONTINUED

- 3) Bonnie May Beltz, born at Toledo, Ohio, April 29, 1919.

#### FIFTH GENERATION

##### **Daniel Steiner Family Continued**

6. Dora Steiner was born December 14, 1891, and married to Robert Corvin, April 2, 1919, at Sacramento, California, by Rev. G. F. Bradford. Four children were born:

#### SIXTH GENERATION

- 1) Robert Earl Corvin born at Arbaga, California, February 29, 1920. Present Address, Marysville, California.
- 2) Verna Marjorie Corvin, born August 26, 1921.
- 3) Colleen June Corvin)
- 4) Edwin Henry Corvin) twins born June 5, 1926.

## FOURTH GENERATION

### Christian Steiner Descendants Continued

IV. Barbara Steiner, fourth child of Christian and Katharine (Hofstetter) Steiner, is unaccounted for as to dates of birth and death. She was never married.

### Moses Steiner Family

V. Moses Steiner, fifth child of Christian and Katharina (Hofstetter) Steiner, was born at Bluffton, Ohio, July 4, 1860. He was married, first, to Caroline Amstutz of Bluffton, Ohio, who died in 1898, aged 33 years. No children reported from this wedlock. Moses was married a second time to Fianna Althaus, February 5, 1900. Out of this union four children issued. (See below) Mr. Steiner and his family are identified with the Mennonite Church, first in the settlement under the pastorage of Rev. John Moser, and since the organization of the First Mennonite Church at Bluffton there. The family lives in Bluffton, Ohio, where Mr. Steiner is a coal dealer.

## FIFTH GENERATION

1. Naomi Steiner, born February 9, 1901, is a graduate of Bluffton College and an active member of the First Mennonite Church. Married to Clarence Hause. One child:

## SIXTH GENERATION

1) Carolyn Miriam, born August 1, 1936.

## **FIFTH GENERATION CONTINUED**

2. Clorinda Steiner, second daughter of Moses and Fianna Steiner, was born June 19, 1902. She is a member of the Church of her parents, and was married to Herbert Luginbuhl by her

### **SIXTH GENERATION**

pastor, Rev. S. M. Musselmann, August 15, 1926. One child has been born to them.

### **FIFTH GENERATION**

- 1) Ray L. Luginbuhl, born August 20, 1927.

#### **Moses Steiner Family Concluded**

3. Wilbur Steiner, Pandora, Ohio, born September 14, 1908, was married to Cledas Basinger, July 29, 1933 by Rev. Mumma, Newport, Ky. They are Mennonites. Cledas, born Feb. 28, 1913, Pandora, Ohio.
4. Marcella Steiner, Bluffton, Ohio, was born March 6, 1914. She is a student at Bluffton College.

## **THIRD GENERATION**

### **SECTION II BRANCH A**

#### **Barbara (Gerber) and Peter Hofstetter**

#### **Descendants Continued**

#### **Magdalena Hofstetter-Gerber**

Magdalena, second daughter of Barbara Gerber Hofstetter, was born August 31, 1827 and married Abraham Gerber, son of Ulrich and Barbara (Falb) Gerber, who was born December 21, 1834. The mar-

riage rite was performed by the couple's pastor, Bishop Ulrich Sommer, December 25, 1855 at the Sonnenberg Church. They settled on the farm now occupied by Levi Steiner, and a number of years later moved to Kansas. The union in wedlock was blessed with the advent of nine children: Judith, Sarah, Joseph, Rebecca, Benjamin, Salome, Lena, Tobias, Leah. Mother Gerber died January 28, 1901, at the age of 73 years. Father Gerber died—

#### **FOURTH GENERATION**

##### **Abraham and Magdalena Gerber Family**

- I. Judith Gerber was the first daughter of Abraham and Magdalena Gerber. She was born in the settlement October 16, 1856 and died an infant.
- II. Sarah B. Gerber was born March 23, 1858 and was married as second wife to Frederick Beyler . He died August 13, 1913.
- III. Joseph was born May 19, 1859; died in childhood September 27, 1861.
- IV. Rebecca Gerber was born December 21, 1860 and was married as second wife to Edward Chatelaine. (Mr. Chatelaine's first marriage was to another descendant of Deacon Gerber and will be found further). The marriage to Rebecca took place March 4, 1884 by the couple's pastor, Rev. Jacob Nusbaum of this place. Rebecca died March 20, 1934, 16 days after the Chatelaine's could celebrate their golden wedding. The family moved to Harper County, Kansas, first in 1886, and later to Mead County. The following

children were born to this union, Emma, Melinda, Lina A., Dina C., Ida B. and Florence C.

## FIFTH GENERATION

### **Ed. Chatelaine Family**

1. Emma Chatelaine was born March 3, 1886. At the age of 22 she was married to James Worth Eaton, Fowler, Kansas. He was born June 9, 1875 and the marriage took place November 8, 1908 by B. Halberson, Christian Church, Fowler, Kansas. Occupation, barber. Children born to this couple were:

## SIXTH GENERATION

- 1) Olian Lee Eaton, Fowler, Kansas, born July 30, 1909. He is a member of the Christian Church as most of the Chatelaine Family. By trade he is a barber. On August 25, 1935 he was married to Igola Pflieger, by Rev. Smoot, Dodge City, Kansas.
- 2) Donald Edward Eaton, Emporia, Kansas, 619 W. 6th St.; was born May 5, 1911. Married to Marguerette Mendenhall, Fowler, Kansas.
- 3) Reuben Merryman Eaton, Box 82, Hugeton, Kansas, born June 12, 1913, and married to Oneida Pflieger, Dodge City, Kansas, September 24, 1933. He is clerk in a grocery. Oneida was born October 13, 1915, Dodge City, Kansas. (Disciple)

## SEVENTH GENERATION

- (1) Ronald Dean Eaton, born July 7, 1936.

(2) Connie Lou Eaton, born Aug. 15, 1937.  
Sixth Generation (Continued)

- 4) Denton Dean Eaton, born May 21, 1915; died July 22, 1932.
- 5) James Worth Eaton, 619 W. 6th Street, Emporia, Kansas, born October 11, 1917. He goes to school.
- 6) Rebecca Talitha Eaton, Fowler, Kansas, born December 20, 1919. High School girl. Christian Church.
- 7) Fred Albert Eaton, Fowler, Kansas, born February 28, 1923, at Zenith, Kansas. Christian Church.

## FIFTH GENERATION

## **Chatelaine Family Continued**

2. Melinda Chatelain, Texarkana, Texas, R. 2, Box 726, was born married to Arthur Schull Laird, December 25, 1915, by J. W. Jones. Mr. Laird is an undertaker. Two children have been born to them:

## SIXTH GENERATION

- 1) Esther Genevieve Laird, born October 23, 1916.
- 2) Creighton Merritt Laird, born May 19, 1921.

## FIFTH GENERATION CONTINUED

3. Lina A. Chatelaine, 1003 South Street, Wichita, Kansas, was born October 23, 1889; married to Fred Runyan on April 23, 1913, by J. W. Jones, of Fowler, Kansas. They belong to the Christian Church and Mr. Runyan, who

was born April 31, 1891, at Coin, Iowa, is a bus driver. They had lived in Colorado, Arkansas, Oklahoma and now in Kansas. Five children are born to them.

#### SIXTH GENERATION

- 1) Selma Irene Runyan, born April 2, 1914; married Russel A. Tweedy, June 12, 1936, by R. E. Snodgrass. They live at 1001 South St., Wichita, Kansas.
- 2) Dorsey Lee Runyan, Bakes, Colorado, born November 16, 1915.
- 3) Fred Albert Runyan, Beaty, Arkansas, born November 20, 1917.
- 4) Jester Arthur Runyan, Sid, Oklahoma, born December 2, 1920.
- 5) Loretta Mae Runyan, Fowler, Kansas, born May 29, 1924.

#### FIFTH GENERATION

##### **Chatelaine Family Continued**

4. Dina C. Chatelaine, born March 29, 1892, married to Riley Schrivner, Dahlgren, Illinois, August 16, 1911. He was born March 3, 1889. They are engaged in poultry farming. They are Baptists. Six children have joined the family:

#### SIXTH GENERATION

- 1) Rozin Lee Schrivner, born August 20, 1912. He is a member of the Baptist Missionary Church.
- 2) Alma Leah Schrivner, born May 3, 1905. Baptist.

- 3) Minnie Ellen Schrivner, born January 1, 1917. Baptist.
- 4) Gladys Helen Schrivner, born February 24, 1919. Baptist.
- 5) Edward John Calvin Schrivner, born November 14, 1924.
- 6) Reba Mae Schrivner, born Feb. 27, 1927.

#### FIFTH GENERATION CONTINUED

5. Ida B. Chatelaine, born , married to Charles Briggs, Hutchison, Kansas, 104 E. 14th Street. They belong to the First Christian Church. He is a merchant. Three children were born to them:

#### SIXTH GENERATION

- 1) Charles Briggs, Jr., born 1916.
- 2) Clara)
- 3) Mary) Twins born in 1918; both died in childhood.

#### FIFTH GENERATION

#### Chatelaine Family Concluded

6. Florence C. Chatelaine born ; address is Minneapolis, Minnesota.

#### FOURTH GENERATION

#### Abe and Magdalena Gerber Family Continued

V. Benjamin Gerber, fifth child of Magdalena (Hofstetter) and Abraham Gerber, was born May 31, 1862 and married to Mary Schwartz, November 12, 1885 at the Sonnenberg Church by their pastor, Christian Sommer. Benjamin, who had accompanied his father to Kansas in his youth,

came back to claim his bride and with her went back to his new home in Harper County, Kansas. Mrs. Gerber died June 15, 1907 and Mr. Gerber lived on until 1932, and died at the age of 70 years. They were affiliated with the Mennonite church at Harper, Kansas. The following children were born to them: Sarah, Joseph, Edward, Lydia, Amanda, Lena.

#### FIFTH GENERATION

1. Sarah Gerber, born October 10, 1886, died March 13, 1930 of dropsy. She was never married.
2. Joseph Gerber, Harper, Kansas, born January 9, 1888; married Ida Yoder, in 1915 by I. G. Hartzler, Garden City, Missouri. Ida was born December 18, 1893, at Garden City, Mo. They settled in Harper County, Kansas, where they are engaged in farming. Mennonites. Eight children are reported from them.

#### SIXTH GENERATION

- 1) Eula Gerber, born January 12, 1916, died December 2, 1927, as a result of an operation for appendicitis.
- 2) Clarence Gerber, born March 13, 1918; died April 11, 1918.
- 3) Earl Gerber, born December 8, 1920.
- 4) Lela Gerber, born September 28, 1922.
- 5) Marion Gerber, born November 28, 1924.
- 6) Leona Gerber, born February 12, 1927.
- 7) Emery Gerber, born October 20, 1929.
- 8) Clayton Gerber, born December 28, 1931.

## FIFTH GENERATION

### Benjamin Gerber Family (Continued)

3. Edward Gerber, Harper, Kansas, was born April 12, 1889, and married Bertha Plank (born March 28, 1885) June 20, 1917, by R. W. Weaver, Harper, Kansas. They are Mennonites and engaged in farming. Two children bring sunshine into their home, viz:

## SIXTH GENERATION

- 1) Orva Gerber, born May 2, 1920.
- 2) Loren Gerber, born April 29, 1923.

## FIFTH GENERATION CONTINUED

4. Lydia Gerber, Harper, Kansas, was born May 29, 1890 and married as second wife to Rev. R. M. Weaver, a minister of an American Mennonite Church, June 5, 1927, at Hutchinson, Kansas, by Bishop H. A. Diener. He is also a farmer. Two children were born to them to date:

## SIXTH GENERATION

- 1) Mary Idell Weaver, born December 4, 1928.
- 2) Wanda Lou Weaver, born June 17, 1932.

## FIFTH GENERATION CONTINUED

5. Amanda Gerber, born October 24, 1891 is single and engaged in laundry work. She is a member of the Mennonite Church.
6. Lena Gerber, born December 20, 1894 is single, Mennonite, and engaged in laundry work.

## FOURTH GENERATION

### Abe Gerber Family Continued

VI. Salome Gerber, daughter of Magdalena and Abraham Gerber, was born December 17, 1863. She married Frederick Beyler in 1888 by Rev. Miller, at Harper, Kansas, as first wife. Three children were born to this issue: Leah, Christian, Alfred. Salome died May 31, 1897. Later he was married to a second wife, Sarah B. Gerber, sister to his first wife. No children were born to them.

## FIFTH GENERATION

1. Leah Beyler, born September 1, 1890. She was married to Oliver H. Hostetler, (born August 8, 1889) March 20, 1913, by Rev. R. M. Weaver, Harper, Kansas, their pastor, where they are members of the Mennonite Church. Mr. Hostetler is a farmer and mail carrier. They live in Harper County, Kansas, on the old homestead of Abraham Gerber. Seven children grace their home life.

## SIXTH GENERATION

- 1) Mildred Hostetler, born January 4, 1914. She is a teacher in High School, Roxbury, Kansas.
- 2) Elda Hostetler, born January 28, 1916. Teacher in Home Economics.
- 3) Edna Hostetler, born June 9, 1918. Student at Bethel College.
- 4) Clarence Hostetler, born May 25, 1920. Student in High School.

- 5) Avis Hostetler, born December 31, 1922.
- 6) Opal Hostetler, born February 20, 1928.
- 7) Donavon Hostetler, born January 18, 1932.

## FIFTH GENERATION

### **Fred Beyler Family Continued**

2. Christian Beyler, Protection, Kansas, son of Frederick Beyler, was born October 3, 1892 at Harper, Kansas. He is a Mennonite and farmer. He was first married to Elsie Hostetler in March 12, 1914, to which union three children were born, (Elsie died February 20, 1920) then to Clara Baker, who bore him two children:

## SIXTH GENERATION

- A. Children of Elsie (Hostetler) Beyler.
  - 1) Velma Beyler, born January 4, 1915. Mennonite, Registered nurse in the Harper vicinity.
  - 2) Victor Beyler, born March 10, 1917. Mennonite, Denver, Colorado.
  - 3) Clayton Beyler, born May 21, 1918. Mennonite. Student at Hesston, Kansas.
- B. Children of Clara (Baker) Beyler, second wife, born June 28, 1900. Married April 5, 1925, by D. D. Miller, Protection, Kansas.
  - 1) Alta Beyler, born June 1, 1927.
  - 2) Vera Beyler, born December 17, 1929.

## FIFTH GENERATION

### **Beyler Family Concluded**

3. Alfred Beyler, Harper, Kansas, son of Freder-

ick Beyler, born January 26, 1895, married Grace Hershberger, February 2, 1916, by Rev. J. P. Berkey. They are Methodists and farmers. Four children were born to them as follows:

#### SIXTH GENERATION

- 1) Clifford Duane Beyler, born November 5, 1917. Student at the Manhattan State College.
- 2) Mable Mae Beyler, born April 21, 1919.
- 3) Mary June Beyler, born June 15, 1924.
- 4) Evelyn Lorene Beyler, born Feb. 17, 1926.

#### FOURTH GENERATION

##### **Abraham Gerber Family Continued**

VII. Lena Gerber, daughter of Magdalena and Abraham Gerber, was born September 10, 1866. She was married to Ferdinand Balmer of Harper, Kansas, March 26, 1893 by Rev. S. C. Miller, Harper, Kansas. Mrs. Balmer died September 6, 1934. Mr. Balmer is still living. He was born December 13, 1865, in Switzerland. They are Mennonites. Six children have enlightened their home: Levina, Lillie, Della, Dessie, Ruth, Rena:

#### FIFTH GENERATION

1. Levina Balmer, Wichita, Kansas, born September 6, 1894, near Harper, Kansas, was married to Amandus Hartzler, of Wichita, Kansas, in June 1924 by J. Shenk, at Portland, Oregon. Mr. Hartzler, was born June

14, 1889, and is a truck farmer. They are Mennonites. Three children grace their home, namely:

#### SIXTH GENERATION

- 1) Marvin Hartzler, born February 7, 1927, Wichita, Kansas.
- 2) Sanford Hartzler, born January 17, 1930, Wichita, Kansas.
- 3) Orpha Jeanne Hartzler, born November 5, 1935, Wichita, Kansas.

#### FIFTH GENERATION CONTINUED

2. Lillie Balmer, born August 30, 1895, was married to John Rupp, (born December 9, 1888, at Freeman, S. Dak.) of Hesston, Kansas, April 24, 1918, by R. W. Weaver, Harper, Kansas. They are Mennonites and farmers. Five children came to this home, viz:

#### SIXTH GENERATION

- 1) Willard Rupp, Hesston, Kansas, born May 29, 1923, at Newton, Kansas. Mennonite.
- 2) Milford Rupp, Hesston, Kansas, born July 3, 1925, at Hesston, Kansas. Mennonite.
- 3) Ruth Rupp, born March 18, 1928.
- 4) Elda Rupp, born December 8, 1929.
- 5) Delbert Rupp, born July 17, 1934.

#### FIFTH GENERATION CONTINUED

3. Della Balmer, Harper, Kansas, was born January 8, 1898 and married to Ura Hostetler (born January 28, 1898 at McPherson, Kansas,) in 1917 at Harper, Kansas, by R. M.

Weaver. He is a farmer and they are both loyal Mennonites. Five children have come to this home, viz:

#### SIXTH GENERATION

- 1) William Lester Hostetler, born February 2, 1921. Mennonite.
- 2) Thelma D. Hostetler, born Dec. 1, 1922.
- 3) Albert B. Hostetler, born October 7, 1924.
- 4) Dewey Lee Hostetler, born Oct. 24, 1927.
- 5) Rosalea Phyllia Hostetler, born Nov. 21, 1936.

#### FIFTH GENERATION CONTINUED

4. Dessie Balmer, LaJunta, Colorado, was born April 21, 1899 and was married to Henry Hedrick, on February 18, 1923, by Rev. H. J. King, Harper, Kansas (born December 28, 1899 at LaJunta, Colorado). They adhere to the Mennonite Church. Mr. Hedrick is a farmer. They have ten children as follows:

#### SIXTH GENERATION

- 1) Dorothy Hedrick, born May 10, 1924.
- 2) Howard Hedrick, born August 8, 1926; died 1928.
- 3) Melvin Hedrick, born July 13, 1927.
- 4) Harrold Hedrick, born July 20, 1928.
- 5) Clifford Hedrick, born Sept. 21, 1929.
- 6) Marjorie Hedrick, born June 16, 1932.
- 7) Lloyd) born, November 7, 1933.
- 8) Floyd) twins, born, November 7, 1933.  
Died April 24, 1934.

- 9) Donald Hedrick, born February 20, 1935.
- 10) Rosetta Hedrick, born December 1, 1936.

#### **FIFTH GENERATION CONTINUED**

5. Ruth Balmer, born June 18, 1902, married to Amra Hostetler, (born September 19, 1899) Harper, Kansas, May 23, 1925 by R. M. Weaver. They are members of the Mennonite Congregation, at that place. They have five children:

#### **SIXTH GENERATION**

- 1) Dorothy Sunshine Hostetler, born September 22, 1926, Harper, Kansas.
- 2) Helen M. Hostetler, born Feb. 13, 1929.
- 3) Delbert C. Hostetler, born Oct. 26, 1933.
- 4) Betty Ruth Hostetler, born Jan. 13, 1935.
- 5) Rosella Gale Hostetler, born Nov. 16, 1936.

#### **FIFTH GENERATION**

##### **Balmer Family Concluded**

6. Rena Balmer, born April 16, 1906, is still single. Mennonite. Was a school teacher for several years.

#### **FOURTH GENERATION**

##### **Abraham Gerber Family Concluded**

VIII. Tobias Gerber, was the youngest son of Abraham and Magdalena Gerber. He was born June 17, 1869 and died January 28, 1872 of pneumonia.

IX. Leah Gerber, was the last child of Abraham and Magdalena Gerber. She was born March 9, 1871 and died June 6, 1925, aged 54 years,

2 months and 27 days. She was married to Henry Hinkel, Palmyra, Missouri. Six children were born to this union: Amos, Mattie, Anna, Lydia, Elmer, Olive.

#### FIFTH GENERATION

1. Amos Hinkel, born June 27, 1899, married to Edna Smith, Kansas City, Kansas, May 30, 1920. Belong to Church of God. No children.
2. Mattie Hinkel, born September 14, 1902, was married to John F. Kreider, Palmyra, Missouri, September 17, 1922 by Rev. D. H. Bender. He is a farmer; Mennonites. Seven children were born into this family, namely:

#### SIXTH GENERATION

- 1) Harold Glenn Kreider, born May 3, 1924. Mennonite.
- 2) Verna Grace Kreider, born May 13, 1925. Mennonite.
- 3) Miriam Elvina Kreider, born Nov. 6, 1926. Mennonite.
- 4) John Tillman Kreider, born April 23, 1928. Mennonite.
- 5) Kathryn Louise Kreider, born May 31, 1931.
- 6) Anna Margaret Kreider, born June 27, 1933.
- 7) Paul Nelson Kreider, born Jan. 7, 1936.

#### FIFTH GENERATION CONTINUED

3. Anna Marie Hinkel, born October 10, 1904; died January 30, 1905.

4. Lydia Hinkel, 523 S. Walnut, Newton, Kansas, born April 23, 1907, at Harper, Kansas. She was married to Claude R. Zinn August 16, 1924, at Newton, Kansas, by Rev. W. J. Shull. Claude was born July 12, 1901 at Halls Summit, Kansas, and is a Fireman on the Sante Fe Railroad. He is a member of the Methodist Church and Mrs. Zinn is a Baptist. The following children were born to them:

#### SIXTH GENERATION

- 1) Richard R. Zinn, born March 1, 1925.
- 2) Marjorie W. Zinn, born November 3, 1926.
- 3) Nadine E. Zinn, born December 26, 1927.
- 4) Keith R. Zinn, born May 4, 1930.
- 5) Monte Ray Zinn, born March 27, 1936.

#### FIFTH GENERATION CONTINUED

5. Elmer Glenn Hinkel, born July 6, 1908, is single.
6. Olive Salome Hinkel, born February 4, 1912, is single. She belongs to Quaker Church; is studying for foreign Mission.

### THIRD GENERATION

#### SECTION III BRANCH A

#### **Barbara Gerber-Hofstetter Descendants Continued**

Christian Hofstetter was the first son (third child) of Barbara (Gerber) and Peter Hofstetter. He was born on Sonnenberg June 14, 1829; baptized and

admitted as member of the Sonnenberg Mennonite Church, April 10, 1846, by Bishop Peter Schneck. Christian was married January 17, 1880 to Anna Boegli (born October 3, 1861), a native of Switzerland, by Bishop Christian Sommer. Emigrated to Ohio 1874. Christian died June 7, 1889, leaving his wife with three children (see below). The widow later went to Oregon in 1900, where she married John Beer in 1902. John died in 1928 and Anna died May 5, 1937.

## **FOURTH GENERATION**

### **Chris Hofstetter Family**

- I. Verena Hofstetter, oldest daughter of Christian Hofstetter, was born November 27, 1880 on the farm now occupied by Dan B. Amstutz. She remained single. Her address is Pine St., Silverton, Oregon.
- II. Benjamin, oldest son of Christian Hofstetter, was born August 9, 1882. His last reported address was 1925 East St., Vancouver, Washington. He married Ethel Darby. They have two children.

## **FIFTH GENERATION**

1. Roy Hofstetter, born August 28, 1912.
2. Lois Hofstetter, born January 21, 1919.

### **FOURTH GENERATION CONTINUED**

- III. Christian C. Hofstetter, Silverton, Oregon, youngest son of Christian Hofstetter, Sr., was born on Sonnenberg, Ohio, January 25, 1885. He went to Oregon as a young boy (with his mother) and on December 18, 1926 was married to Mary Susan Roth of Woodburn, Oregon, by Bishop

A. P. Troyer. She was born December 2, 1900. They are members of the Zion Mennonite Church at Silverton, Oregon. Four children have graced their family.

#### FIFTH GENERATION

1. Donald Christian Hofstetter, born October 4, 1927.
2. Ralph David Hofstetter, born June 29, 1929.
3. Catharine Mary Hofstetter, born September, 24, 1930.
4. Harold Wilson Hofstetter, born February 6, 1933.
5. Merlin Ivan Hofstetter, born January 16, 1937.

#### THIRD GENERATION

##### SECTION IV. BRANCH A

##### **Barbara Gerber-Hofstetter Descendants Continued**

John P. Hofstetter, second son of Barbara (Gerber) and Peter Hofstetter, was born February 20, 1835 on the pioneer farm of his father, south of Dalton, Ohio. He was married to Catharine, daughter of Peter Moser, May 1, 1856 who had grown to womanhood on the parental farm still owned by her brother, David P. Moser, and operated by her nephew, Calvin Moser, south of Dalton. She was born February 9, 1838. The couple was married by their pastor, Christian Sommer, of the Sonnenberg Church. They continued to live on the farm of the groom's parents all their lives, where Mother Hofstetter died pre-

maturely of apoplexy on August 11, 1877, aged 39 years, 4 months and 2 days. Her widowed husband continued his pilgrimage until February 14, 1907, when he died of dropsy, aged 72 years less six days. The following flock of children blessed their married life:

## FOURTH GENERATION

### Family of John P. Hofstetter

I. Leah Hofstetter was born near Dalton, Ohio, February 25, 1857. She was married to John Zuercher March 6, 1879 by Rev. Christian Sommer. John I. Zuercher, whose mother died when he was three years old, son of Isaac Zuercher, deceased, Berne, Indiana, with whom he emigrated to this country from Corgemontberg, a section of the Sonnenberg settlement in Switzerland, where he was born November 8, 1856. The couple lived together on a farm directly south of the Peter Moser homestead until death parted them. Mrs. Zuercher died January 12, 1910, aged 43 years. John died July 26, 1936. Children born to their union were: Sarah, Fannie, Mary and Amos.

## FIFTH GENERATION

1. Sarah Zuercher, Dalton, Ohio, was born June 1, 1882. She was married to Joshua Gerber, December 12, 1905 and the couple settled on a farm on U. S. Highway 30, west of Dalton, where they still live. The marriage was performed by Rev. Jacob Nussbaum of the Sonnenberg Church. Seven children were born to them, as follows:

## SIXTH GENERATION

- 1) Ellen Gerber, born May 14, 1906 and died September 2, 1906.
- 2) Sylvia Gerber, born December 12, 1907. She is at home, engaged in housework. Member of the Mennonite Church.
- 3) Milton Gerber, born July 17, 1909, is an efficient day laborer, and member of the Mennonite Church.
- 4) Alta Gerber, born December 22, 1910, is an efficient domestic worker and member of the same church.
- 5) Lillian Gerber, born November 1, 1912, died September 25, 1914.
- 6) Wilson Gerber, born January 3, 1917, died March 1, 1917.
- 7) Dennis Gerber, born February 23, 1920, lost his life coming home from school, hit by a car on Highway 30, May 2, 1930.

## FIFTH GENERATION CONTINUED

### **Amos B. Amstutz Family**

2. Fannie Zuercher was born January 21, 1885, and married to Amos B. Amstutz in "Benville" south of Dalton, R. 1, February 6, 1904, by Rev. J. T. Hoak of Dalton. Amos was born December 20, 1884. In his earlier career he followed his father's trade as an efficient cheese maker, but later took up truck farming which he still follows successfully. Fannie is an active member and worker for the Mennonite Sewing Circle, since a number of years. They are all

members of the Mennonite Church. The couple has been blessed with eight children:

#### SIXTH GENERATION

- 1) Urban Amstutz, born July 8, 1904 and died as a result of an accident, February 21, 1909.
- 2) Velma Catharine Amstutz, Apple Creek, Ohio, R. 1, born June 22, 1907 and married to Amos D. Amstutz, son of David Amstutz, (deceased) August 21, 1930 by Rev. C. N. Amstutz of the Sonnenberg Church. Amos was born February 14, 1908. Mr. Amstutz is farming his uncle Aaron Amstutz's farm on R. 1, Apple Creek, Ohio. This union has been blessed with two children:

#### SEVENTH GENERATION

- (1) Anna Jean Amstutz, born February 22, 1932.
- (2) Evelyn Jane Amstutz, born June 7, 1933.

#### SIXTH GENERATION CONTINUED

- 3) Benjamin A. Amstutz, Dalton, Ohio, was born January 12, 1910 and married Irene Sommer, born October 28, 1908, daughter of Mrs. Jacob P. Sommer, Kidron, Ohio, June 28, 1931, by Bishop C. N. Amstutz. They are members of the Mennonite Church. Born to this union were:

#### SEVENTH GENERATION

- (1) Doris Irene Amstutz, born February 28, 1933.
- (2) Shirley Ann Amstutz, born August 20, 1935.

(3) Kenneth Lee Amstutz, born March 18, 1937.

#### SIXTH GENERATION CONTINUED

4) Evan C. Amstutz, was born March 24, 1911. He is teaching school near Dalton, Ohio. Member of the parents' Church.

5) Evelyn R. Amstutz was born August 15, 1912. She was married to Harvey Nussbaum on June 2, 1935 by Rev. Louis Amstutz. Mr. Nussbaum is operating as miller at Mt. Eaton, Ohio. Both are members of the Mennonite Church. Have one child:

#### SEVENTH GENERATION

(1) Howard James Nussbaum, born May 24, 1936, Mt. Eaton, Ohio.

#### SIXTH GENERATION CONTINUED

6) Sylvia G. Amstutz, Apple Creek, Ohio, was born July 8, 1915. On August 1, 1935, she was married to Victor Amstutz by the groom's father, Rev. Louis Amstutz. Mennonites.

7) Mildred I. Amstutz, was born May 29, 1919. At Home. Mennonite.

8) Edith M. Amstutz, was born February 18, 1927.

#### FIFTH GENERATION CONTINUED

3. Mary Zuercher, third daughter of John and Leah (Hofstetter) Zuercher, was born September 27, 1887, near Dalton, Ohio. She went to Oregon in her young womanhood where she

was married, June 13, 1914, to Edwin Neuenschwander, Lebanon, Oregon, R. 2, where they are farming. The marriage was performed by their pastor, Rev. C. R. Gerig, of the Mennonite Church there. They are Mennonites. Five children were born to them:

#### SIXTH GENERATION

- 1) Paul Wilburn Neuenschwander, born March 8, 1916. He is farming and is a member of his parents' church.
- 2) Vernon Leroy Neuenschwander, born March 2, 1920. At home; a member of the same church.
- 3) Lorene Elizabeth Neuenschwander, born October 22, 1921. Mennonite Church.
- 4) Ura Edgar Neuenschwander, born January 1, 1923.
- 5) Velma Arlene Neuenschwander, born March 12, 1924.

#### FIFTH GENERATION CONTINUED

4. Amos Zuercher, Dalton, Ohio, R 1, was born August 18, 1890 and was married to Anna Wuetrick, November 9, 1911 by Bishop Jacob Nussbaum. Mr. Zuercher is a professional engineer, having been engaged as such for many years, in coal mines, railroad shops, at Orrville, Ohio, and of late years at Brewster. He and his family live in their beautiful country home east of "Benville" where he does some farming as a sideline. They are affiliated with the Mennonite Church. Six children grace his family, as follows:

## SIXTH GENERATION

- 1) Vilas W. Zuercher, Apple Creek, Ohio, was born July 29, 1913, married to Elma Gerber, by Aaron Mast of Bellville, Pa., June 14, 1936, at Sonnenberg. He is a Veterinarian, at Apple Creek, Ohio. One child.

## SEVENTH GENERATION

- (1) Kathryn Marie, born March 4, 1938.

## SIXTH GENERATION CONTINUED

- 2) Idella G. Zuercher, was born December 31, 1914. She is teaching school.
- 3) Vida L. Zuercher, was born November 25, 1917. She is teaching school.
- 4) Pauline A. Zuercher was born May 12, 1920. Student at Dalton High School.
- 5) Marcella M. Zuercher was born December 11, 1926.
- 6) Gwendolyn Kay Zuercher was born October 29, 1934.

## FOURTH GENERATION

### **John P. Hofstetter Family Continued**

- II. Judith Hofstetter was born May 14, 1858. She lives in Dalton, Ohio. Single.
- III. Noah Hofstetter, Berne, Indiana, was born February 6, 1860. He is a farmer, unmarried. Member of the old order Amish.
- IV. Aaron Hofstetter, Dalton, Ohio, was born November 22, 1861. Lives a bachelor's life; engaged in odd jobs.
- V. Daniel Hofstetter, Dalton, Ohio, was born Oc-

tober 22, 1863. For many years he kept a second-hand household and utensil shop, at Dalton, Ohio, until his death January 13, 1936. In his younger years he showed inclinations for invention. He invented a contraption of a flying machine, which, upon trial from the barn floor down onto the manure pile in the barn yard, did not quite prove successful; however, without any fatalities.

VI. Peter J. Hofstetter, Compton, California, was born January 30, 1866, near Dalton, Ohio. He was married to Catharine S. Curie, Nov. 22, 1889, by Rev. Jacob Nussbaum. She lived till December 14, 1927, when death took her away from Peter. Out of that union were born five children (see below). Peter married a second time to Maude Johnson, May 19, 1929 by Rev. Mary C. Vlezek, Los Angeles, California, of the Free Thinker religion. Maude was born January 8, 1879 at Davis City, Iowa.

#### FIFTH GENERATION

1. Melvin F. Hofstetter, Hayden, Colorado, was born October 17, 1889 and was married to Gladys Blake, (born March 8, 1890) October 10, 1912, by Rev. Aullinger, Hayden, Colorado. The couple belongs to a Congregational Church. Mr. Hofstetter is post master at Hayden, Colorado. Besides this he is an electrician. One child blessed their union:

#### SIXTH GENERATION

- 1) Sibil Hofstetter was born May 8, 1917. Senior in High School.

## FIFTH GENERATION CONTINUED

2. Roy P. Hofstetter, Steam Boat Springs, Colorado, was born May 28, 1892; married to Catherine F. Bruce, October 17, 1923. The bride was born August 13, 1885. They are Congregationalists by church connections. Mr. Hofstetter is an expert accountant. One child blest their union:

## SIXTH GENERATION

- 1) Jean Kay Hofstetter, born November 13, 1925.

## FIFTH GENERATION CONTINUED

3. Zella K. Hofstetter, Compton, California, R. 2, Box 196, was born May 11, 1894 at Dalton, Ohio. She was married to Quin E. Starr, (born August 7, 1892) Emporia, Kansas, October 7, 1913, by Rev. F. E. Cain, Hayden, Colorado. Occupation, machinist. They also are Congregationalists. Are blessed with two children:

## SIXTH GENERATION

- 1) Maurice E. Starr, born at Hayden, Colorado, January 29, 1917. Compton, Calif.
- 2) Dorothy B. Starr, born at Hayden, Colorado, January 7, 1920, Compton, California.

## FIFTH GENERATION CONTINUED

4. Benjamin J. Hofstetter, born March 23, 1896; by trade, bookkeeper and salesman. He was killed in the World War, October 8, 1918.
5. Henry A. Hofstetter, 652 So. Vancouver Ave.,

Los Angeles, California, was born July 18, 1898 at Dalton, Ohio, and married to Vera M. Whiteman, September 24, 1919 by Rev. Tootacher, at Craig, Colorado. Vera was born April 9, 1900 at Lexington, Nebraska. They are Methodists. They have two children.

#### **SIXTH GENERATION**

- 1) Betty Lee Hofstetter, born June 25, 1920, at Hayden, Colorado.
- 2) Jack Henry Hofstetter, born July 6, 1922, at Hayden, Colorado, Their address 652 So. Vancouver, Ave., Los Angeles, Calif.

#### **FOURTH GENERATION**

##### **John P. Hofstetter Family Continued**

VII. Anna Hofstetter was the seventh child of John P. and Catharine (Moser) Hofstetter. She was born July 15, 1868 and died April 23, 1899 of pneumonia. She was never married and a faithful member of the Sonnenberg Mennonite Church.

VIII. Barbara Hofstetter, eighth child of John P. Hofstetter, was born April 27, 1870. She was married December 8, 1896 to Solomon J. Amstutz by Rev. Jacob Nussbaum. Solomon was born December 25, 1862, a son of Jonas Amstutz, Orrville, Ohio. The family lives near Orrville, Ohio, on a farm. They were gladdened by the advent of four children; namely:

#### **FIFTH GENERATION**

1. Allen Amstutz, Smithville, Ohio, R. D. 1, was born February 12, 1898. He was mar-

ried to Lavina Steiner, August 17, 1927 by Rev. O. N. Johns of Canton, Ohio. Members of the Mennonite Church. One child.

#### SIXTH GENERATION

- 1) Frances Amstutz, gladdened their union, May 30, 1928.

#### FIFTH GENERATION CONTINUED

2. Anna Amstutz was born August 4, 1899 and married to Henry Kornhaus, June 22, 1929 by Rev. David McFadden. Mrs. K. died May 15, 1931. The surviving baby was:

#### SIXTH GENERATION

- 1) Barbara Ann Kornhaus, born April 22, 1931, died 4 days later.

#### FIFTH GENERATION CONTINUED

3. Celesta Amstutz, born January 6, 1902, was married on August 15, 1925 to Jay Eberly by Rev. O. N. Johns. Canton, Ohio. Jay was born December 14, 1900 near Dalton, Ohio. Mennonites. They live at Jewett, Ohio. One son was born to them, died in infancy.
4. Edna Amstutz, born March 10, 1906; address LaJunta, Colorado. She is taking nurses' training.

#### FOURTH GENERATION

##### **J. P. Hofstetter Family Continued**

- IX. Fanny Hofstetter, Albany, Oregon, R. 1, was born the ninth child of John Hofstetter, June

12, 1872 and married to Alfred Sommer, Albany, Oregon, November 1, 1905 by Rev. P. Gerig, Church of God. Mr. Sommer is a farmer, son of Gottlieb Sommer, born in Switzerland, and his mother was Katherine Biery, born at Sonnenberg, Ohio. They have three children:

#### **FIFTH GENERATION**

1. Iva A. Sommer, was born January 24, 1907; died the same day.
2. Elden F. Sommer was born August 30, 1908. He is a farm laborer and member of the Church of God.
3. Ada A. Sommer, born February 1, 1911, is engaged in housework and member of the same church.

#### **FOURTH GENERATION**

##### **John P. Hofstetter Family Concluded**

X. John Hofstetter, located at Trout Creek, Montana, was born near Dalton the tenth and youngest child of John P. Hofstetter, and like three of his brothers, is living in single blessedness.

#### **THIRD GENERATION**

##### **SECTION V BRANCH A**

##### **Barbara and Peter Hofstetter Descendants Concluded**

Barbara Hofstetter, born April 13, 1831, baptized April 10, 1846 by Bishop Peter Schneck of the Sonnenberg church, died March 10, 1892.

## SECTION VI. BRANCH A

Elizabeth Hofstetter, born (date unknown), was baptized April 14, 1854, and admitted to the Sonnenberg Church by Ulrich Sommer. She died (?)

## SECOND GENERATION

### BRANCH B

#### **Anna (Gerber) Zuercher**

Anna Gerber, second daughter of Deacon Michael Gerber, was born in the ancestral home in Switzerland, May 10, 1799, and emigrated with her father to America at the age of 23 years in 1822. In 1830 she was married to another young immigrant by the name of Samuel Zuercher. The marriage was solemnized by Bishop Daniel Steiner, then elder of the Sonnenberg Mennonite Congregation.

Samuel came over in 1821 with the second contingent of Sonnenberg settlers from the community of Sonnenberg, Switzerland, where he was born in 1802. He died near Morton, Illinois, May 4, 1865. Samuel was an elder brother to David Zuercher, grandfather to David and Menno Zuercher, Mrs. N. G. Fankhauser, Mrs. Jacob C. Hofstetter and Mrs. Ed. Miller of this community. These two young men stopped off at an older Swiss Mennonite settlement in Lancaster County, Pennsylvania, and in a year or so later he came to the Sonnenberg settlement followed by his younger brother David, where they had to work and pay for some travelling expenses.

The following five children were born to Anna and Samuel: Abraham, John, Christ, Jacob and David.

They first lived on the farm adjoining his wife's father (on the P. M. Gerber homestead) for 24 years, and in 1854 with the family of five children he moved to Illinois, then a frontier settlement and settled about two miles north of Morton, Illinois, in the midst of what proved to become one of the richest agricultural sections of the United States, the famous corn belt of the middle west. Anna died in about the year 1844. Samuel's second wife was Catherine Peters.

The trip from Ohio to Illinois was made in true pioneer style. Samuel packed his belongings with his second wife and five children of the first wife, and one child of the second wife, travelled by way of a canal boat from Massillon, Ohio, to the Ohio River, then down the Ohio River and up the Mississippi River as far as St. Louis, and then up on the Illinois River as far as Peoria, Illinois. This trip by boat was approximately 1400 miles and took approximately fifty days.

## **THIRD GENERATION**

### **SECTION I. BRANCH B**

Abraham, oldest son of Samuel and Anna Zuercher, was born on Sonnenberg, Wayne County, Ohio, in the year 1831. He died at the age of 20 years.

### **SECTION II. BRANCH B**

John, second son of Samuel and Anna Zuercher, was born in 1832. He died in young manhood.

### **SECTION III. BRANCH B**

Christian, the third son of Samuel and Anna

Zuercher, was born in 1833. He grew up but never married and lived a bachelor's life. He became a very inquisitive mental genius and mechanic. His chief trade was carpentry and contractor, hewing timber for building barns and houses. In later years when the saw mill had made it's appearance and Christ saw the easy operation of the mill, he got tired of hewing more timber; so he operated the saw mill for many years. He arrived to the age of 66 years when he died in 1899 near Morton, Illinois.



Jacob Zuercher and His Wife.

### **THIRD GENERATION**

#### **SECTION IV. BRANCH B**

#### **Samuel Zuercher Descendants Continued**

Jacob Zuercher, fourth son of Samuel and Anna Zuercher, was born on Sonnenberg, Wayne County, Ohio, in 1837. He was a youth of 17 years when his

father moved to Illinois. At this new domicile he made acquaintance with a young American lady by the name of Malinda Jane Davis, whom he married August 17, 1884. She was many years his junior, being born in 1865. Jacob was a contractor and builder and lived to the ripe old age of 87 years, his death taking place in 1924, and burial near Morton, Illinois, like his father and brothers. His wife died in 1922 at the age of 62 years. Their family numbered four children, as follows:

#### FOURTH GENERATION

- I. Sarah Zuercher, oldest daughter of Jacob Zuercher, was born June 8, 1885, Morton, Illinois, and married to Harry E. Duke, October 16, 1907 by Rev. Enos H. Barnes, 304 Niles St., LaPorte, In-



Some of Sam Zuercher's Descendants of Peoria, Illinois.

diana. Mr. Duke is an accountant. The couple belongs to the Catholic Church. Five children were born to them:

#### FIFTH GENERATION

1. Harold Duke, oldest son of Mr. and Mrs. Harry Duke, LaPorte, Indiana, was born July 31, 1908. He was married to Miss Ruth Ramsey and the couple lives at Fort Wayne, Indiana, 2603 Maumee St. Mr. Duke is an accountant, a graduate from Notre Dame University. To them has been born one son.

#### SIXTH GENERATION

- 1) Harold Jr., born May 16, 1932.

#### FIFTH GENERATION CONTINUED

2. Norman E. Duke born May 18, 1911, graduate Notre Dame University.
3. Mary Helen Duke, born December 20, 1913. Married to Arthur J. Wantha, September 13, 1937. Address, 306 Harrison St., Laporte, Ind. Theater manager.
4. Charles Duke, born February 11, 1916. Student.
5. Margaret E. Duke, born January 4, 1923. Grade school.

#### FOURTH GENERATION CONTINUED

- II. Jacob Zuercher, Jr., second child of Jacob Zuercher, Sr., was born and married to Miss Nellie Crocker, 704 7th Ave., Peoria, Illinois. His occupation Seven children were born to this union as follows:

## FIFTH GENERATION

1. Harriet Zuercher, 2308 Cumberland, Rockford, Illinois, was born February 15, 1908 and married to Harry Gibson, a salesman. Two children were born.

## SIXTH GENERATION

- 1) Jackie Marvin, born August 7, 1934.
- 2) Donald LeRoy, born October 17, 1936.

## FIFTH GENERATION CONTINUED

2. Arthur Zuercher, born March 6, 1910. Died.
3. Lillian Zuercher, born May 26, 1912. Saleslady, and is married to Joe Huber. Address, 221 Margaret St., Peoria, Ill.
4. William Zuercher, born September 29, 1913. Student.
5. Norman Zuercher, born October 25, 1915. Student.
6. Dorothy Zuercher, born April 18, 1918. High School.
7. Marian Zuercher, born August 28, 1920. Grade School.

## FOURTH GENERATION CONTINUED

- III. Lydia Zuercher, third child of Jacob Zuercher, Sr., was born February 7, 1890. Her address is 114 Bradley Avenue, Peoria, Illinois. Unmarried. Christian Profession.
- IV. Mary Zuercher, youngest child of Jacob Zuercher, Sr., was born November 18, 1897 and married July 26, 1931 to John Balzer, 115 Bradley Avenue, Peoria, Illinois, by Rev. Herbert Barneth, Chris-

tian Church, Peoria, Illinois. Mr. Balzer is a salesman, dealer in automatic cord stoppers. Have two children:

#### **FIFTH GENERATION**

1. William John Balzer, was born in Oct., 1934.
2. David John Balzer born May 4, 1936.

#### **THIRD GENERATION**

##### **SECTION V. BRANCH B**

##### **Samuel Zuercher Descendants Continued**

David Zuercher, Peoria, Illinois, 713 Morton St., youngest son of Samuel and Anna Zuercher, was born June 26, 1843. As a lad of 11 years he accompanied his father to Illinois to make a new home there. He was married November 5, 1882, to Mary Herbst by Reverend Michael Zimmerman, their pastor, of the Apostolic (New Mennonite) Church near Roanoke, Ill. She was born July 20, 1857 at Baden, Germany. David chose blacksmithing as his life trade. The family live near Morton, Illinois, where his father had settled in a community of their chosen church. The following were the children born to them:

#### **FOURTH GENERATION**

- I. Anna Zuercher, 713 Morton St., Peoria, Illinois, was born December 29, 1883. She is working for the Wood Food Co., at Roanoke, Illinois, like all her brothers and sisters, member of the Apostolic (New Mennonite) Church.
- II. Mary Zuercher, born July 16, 1885, and married to George Heinold January 25, 1910. Mr. Heinold

was born January 2, 1887, at Morton, Illinois. Address 1110 N. Monroe St., Peoria, Illinois. Occupation, farmer. This union was given eight children as follows:

#### **FIFTH GENERATION**

1. Clarence Heinold, born March 5, 1911; died July 4, 1932.
2. Joseph Heinold, Washburn, Illinois, was born February 18, 1913 and was married to Frances Louise Bachman, March 19, 1937 by Rev. Edward T. Munns. Frances was born May 3, 1914 at Roanoke, Illinois. 1 child, Mary Elizabeth, born June 22, 1938.
3. Cora B. Heinold was born March 9, 1915, and married to Wilbur H. Rogers, April 17, 1938 by Rev. George C. Ryder, at home. Wilbur was born September 24, 1913 at Summit St., Kansas City, Missouri. Their address is 1817 East Street, Kansas City, Missouri.
4. Laura M. Heinold was born May 11, 1917, married to Curtis Steffen of Roanoke, Illinois on March 12, 1936 by Rev. Robert Lee Logan of Peoria. Their address is Elpaso, Illinois.
5. Melvin Heinold, born August 24, 1919.
6. Wilbur Heinold, born May 28, 1922.
7. Lester Heinold, born June 23, 1925.
8. Ruth Heinold, born March 7, 1929.

#### **FOURTH GENERATION**

##### **David Zuercher Family (Continued)**

- III. Lydia Zuercher, third daughter of David Zuercher, was born May 14, 1887; and died February 19, 1933. (No further information).

IV. Joseph Zuercher, first son of David Zuercher, was born December 31, 1890. He was married February 16, 1921 to Amelia Gudeman of Roanoke, Illinois, by Rev. Ramond, of Peoria, Illinois. The family is located near Washington, Illinois, where Joseph is farming. Christian Apostolic Faith. Three children came to them:

#### FIFTH GENERATION

1. Milton Zuercher, born June 4, 1923, Washington, Illinois.
2. Curtis Zuercher, born September 5, 1924, Washington, Illinois.
3. Loren Zuercher, born July 6, 1926, Washington, Illinois.

#### FOURTH GENERATION

##### **David Zuercher Family Continued**

V. Adine Zuercher, born August 22, 1892, and died December 18, 1913.

VI. Theodore Zuercher, born April 8, 1894. He is working in a bank. Peoria, Illinois.

VII. Minnie Zuercher, born January 16, 1896. She is engaged in domestic work; unmarried.

VIII. Cora Zuercher, born February 6, 1898. Domestic and unmarried.

#### SECOND GENERATION

##### BRANCH C

##### **Catherine Gerber Falb**

Catharine Gerber, third daughter of Michael Gerber, was born in Switzerland, June 20, 1801, and emigrated with her father and family to the new

Sonnenberg settlement in Sugar Creek Township, Wayne County, Ohio, in 1822, at the age of 21 years. She was a member of the Mennonite Denomination, being baptized October 13, 1816 at Biglen, a neighboring village of her native home, near the city of Bern. On October 24, 1829, at the age of 28 years, she was married to Abraham Falb, another young man of the new settlement, by Bishop Peter Schneck. Mr. Falb was born at Konolfingen, Canton Bern, Switzerland, October 19, 1796, a village in the Emmental not far from the city of Bern and emigrated to the New Sonnenberg Settlement in 1824.

He travelled across the Atlantic Ocean on the sail boat to New York. From there they traveled by wagon to Ohio. Women and children rode on the wagon and the men walked as there were a number that emigrated to this settlement at that time.

After he was married he purchased a tract of land in Paint Township near Mt. Eaton, then mostly uncleared land. So he went out one day for a location to build his future home. He picked out a place near a natural spring, which was always the chosen place for a home, where there is fresh running water. On the next day they had a frolic to build his house, which was made of logs, hewn on both sides. When they had the number of logs required, they had a frolic to build the log house by friends and neighbors. While some men brought in the logs to the building, other men were notching the logs at the corners. Four men were selected, one at each corner, and the following men were the corner notchers: David Baumgartner, Ulrich Gerber, Daniel Houmar, the fourth name not men-

tioned. They built the log house in one day and the next day they moved into their new home, which was a great achievement in those days. Naturally, there was no cellar under the house and the floor was dirt while the roof was made with clap boards. Their first house stood near where John Falb's new buildings now stand. He also purchased a farm joining on the east. The family lived at their new home the rest of their life, now occupied by Elias Falb.

Catharine (Gerber) Falb died March 12, 1877, aged 75 years, 8 months and 20 days. Six children were born to them: Anna, Barbara, Catherine, John, Elizabeth, Abraham.

### **THIRD GENERATION**

#### **SECTION I. BRANCH C**

##### **Descendants of Catherine (Gerber) and Abraham Falb**

Anna Falb, oldest daughter of Catherine and Abraham Falb, was born in Paint Township, Wayne County, Ohio, November 6, 1830. She came into membership of the local Sonnenberg Church and grew up as a Christian young woman, was never married, and died in the parental home, April 18, 1869, aged 38 years, 5 months and 10 days, mourned by her parents, brothers and sisters.

### **THIRD GENERATION**

#### **SECTION II. BRANCH C**

Barbara Falb, second daughter of Abraham Falb was born March 15, 1832 and like her sisters lived

a life of "single blessedness" until her death, January 18, 1910, when she died at the high age of 77 years, 10 months and 3 days. She was a faithful member of the Sonnenberg Church.

### **THIRD GENERATION**

#### **SECTION III. BRANCH C**

Catharine Falb was the third daughter of Abraham Falb, Sr., and was born July 19, 1833. Like her sisters she stayed single and served her brothers' families in sacrificing service until the age of 61 years, 2 months and 10 days. She died at her old home September 29, 1894. She was a faithful member of the Sonnenberg Church.

### **THIRD GENERATION**

#### **SECTION IV. BRANCH C**

John Falb, first son of the Abraham Falb family, was born October 20, 1834 in the parental home. Baptized April 9, 1852 into the church of his parents. He was married to Catharine Steiner, a young woman of the neighborhood and member of the same church, in 1877, daughter of John M. and Elizabeth Steiner, neighbors of the Falb family. She was born January, 1856 and died August 7, 1885, at the premature age of 29 years and 7 months. The couple started their family life on the farm now occupied by John J. Bixler, southwest of the Boone's Schoolhouse. John Falb lived to the ripe old age of 75 years, 8 months and 21 days, dying July 11, 1910. Five children were born to this union, as follows: Noah, Elizabeth, Daniel, Joel, Fanny.

## FOURTH GENERATION

### **John Falb, Sr., Descendants**

- I. Noah, oldest son of John Falb, Sr., was born February 20, 1879. Being feebleminded, he makes his home with his sister, Mrs. Joel Mazelin near Berne, Indiana.
- II. Elizabeth Falb, Berne, Indiana, born the oldest daughter in the John Falb, Sr., family, March 19, 1880, Dalton, Ohio, was married to Joel Mazelin of Berne, Indiana, May 31, 1906 by her pastor, Bishop Jacob Nussbaum of the Sonnenberg Church. Joel was born November 7, 1875 near Berne, Indiana. The couple farmed the old homestead a number of years, until 1920, then moved on to Mr. Mazelin's parental farm east of Berne, Indiana. While living in Ohio he was a successful farmer of ginseng. They joined the Christian Amish Church. The following children were born to them, and are members of the parental church.

## FIFTH GENERATION

### **Joel Mazelin Family**

1. Allen Mazelin was born on Sonnenberg April 20, 1907 on the old John Falb Homestead and when a young boy moved with his parents to Indiana. When reaching maturity, he came back here to the haunts of his boyhood and has been successfully engaged in ginseng farming besides general farm work. He was married to Rebecca Mazelin of Berne, Indiana, February, 1938.

2. Sarah Mazelin, born October 5, 1908, is still single and lives with her parents.
3. Elda Mazelin was born on Sonnenberg, June 6, 1910, and is now a member of the Christian Amish Church near Berne, Indiana. She was married June 15, 1930, to Menno Habegger, (born March 13, 1900 at Berne, Indiana), a member of the same church, and is a factory laborer. Children born to the couple are:

#### SIXTH GENERATION

- 1) Edison Wayne, born March 21, 1931.
- 2) Pauline Elizabeth, born December 21, 1932.

#### FIFTH GENERATION

##### **Joel Mazelin Family Continued**

4. Rufus Mazelin, born December 27, 1911.
5. Peter J. Mazelin, born July 2, 1913.
6. Silas C. Mazelin, born May 22, 1915.
7. Martha Mazelin, born May 11, 1916.
8. Lina Mazelin, born January 17, 1918.
9. Franklin Mazelin, born March 15, 1920.
10. Mary Ann Mazelin, born January 21, 1925, at Berne, Indiana.

#### FOURTH GENERATION

##### **John Falb Descendants Continued**

III. Daniel Falb, Orrville, Ohio, was born November 20, 1881. Died March 18, 1936. Brought up in the faith and membership of the Mennonite Church, he was married to Caroline Nussbaum, daughter of Isaac Nussbaum, November 17, 1906 by Bishop Jacob Nussbaum. She was born near

Berne, Indiana, March 28, 1885. Daniel, after marriage, built himself a home on the northeast 40 acres of his parental homestead, near the Boone Schoolhouse where he farmed till 1935, when he moved to the present home. Mr. Falb died March 19, 1936. In 1937, Mrs. Falb and children moved to Orrville, Ohio, where they bought a home of their own.

#### FIFTH GENERATION

1. Elda G. Falb, born August 9, 1908. She is a member of the Mennonite Church and engaged in domestic work.
2. Viola M. Falb, born March 9, 1910. Also a member of the same church and engaged in house work.
3. Levi D. Falb, oldest son of the family, was born November 14, 1911. He is a member of the same church and is a very efficient hand in farming. Married to Elizabeth Lehman of Mahoning Co., Ohio, June 19, 1938 by Rev. Mose Hurst of Rittman, Ohio.
4. Aldine M. Falb, born February 27, 1913, engaged in household duties.
5. Ida I. Falb, born September 22, 1914, is a member of the same church. Married to Reuben Habegger of Berne, Indiana.
6. Lydia M. Falb, born December 17, 1915, is a member of the same church. She was married to Donald Geiser. One daughter was born.

#### SIXTH GENERATION

- 1) Carolyn Jean, born April 20, 1938.

## FIFTH GENERATION CONTINUED

7. Bertha R. Falb, born April 16, 1918. She is a church member and engaged in domestic work.
8. Clyde J. Falb, born September 18, 1921. Schoolboy.
9. Raymond F. Falb, born March 2, 1924. Grade School.

## FOURTH GENERATION CONTINUED

### Joel Falb Family

IV. Joel Falb, Orrville, Ohio, was born as the third son of John Falb, May 28, 1883. He was married to Elizabeth Berg, May 18, 1905. The couple identified itself with the Reformed Church at Orrville. Mr. Falb had a small farm where his house stands but is engaged at Orrville in the employment of the railroad company, as car inspector. Mrs. Falb died June 23, 1932. Mr. Falb married Mary Jauslin on September 30, 1935 and moved to Orrville. The following children mourn with their widowed father the untimely departure of their mother, Mr. Falb's first wife.

## FIFTH GENERATION

1. Anna Arlene Falb, Apple Creek, Ohio, R. 1, was born February 10, 1910. She was married to Louis Nussbaum, laborer for the Kidron Auction Co., February 10, 1929, by her pastor, Rev. A. L. Sherry of the Reformed Church of Orrville, Ohio. Louis was born September 25, 1906. Children born to this union are:

## SIXTH GENERATION

- 1) Betty Jean Nussbaum, born January 28, 1931.
- 2) Edith Ann Nussbaum, born December 21, 1932.
- 3) Doris Eileen Nussbaum, born February 2, 1934.
- 4) Kenneth Leroy Nussbaum, born November 6, 1935.
- 5) Gordon Nussbaum, born May 30, 1937.

## FIFTH GENERATION

### **Joel Falb Family Continued**

2. Mildred Iva Falb was born the second daughter of Joel Falb, September 29, 1911. She was married to Elias Kiener, April 5, 1931 by Rev. A. L. Sherry of the Orrville Reformed Church. Mr. Kiener specializes in potato farming. The family's address is Apple Creek, Ohio. Children born to this union are:

## SIXTH GENERATION

- 1) Theda Marie Kiener, born April 2, 1932.
- 2) Elinor Elizabeth Kiener, born October 1, 1933.
- 3) Donevan Lee, born March 14, 1938.

## FIFTH GENERATION CONTINUED

3. Mylon Wilson Falb, Orrville, Ohio, R. D. 1, first son of Joel Falb, was born January 3, 1914. Member of the Reformed Church. Married to Saloma Smucker, Smithville, Ohio, R. D.

4. Dennis Jay Falb, born July 20, 1915. Member of the same church.
5. Grace Elizabeth Falb, born February 22, 1917. Member of the Reformed Church. Married to Meredith Christian July 2, 1938 by Rev. Ellen R. Whitney.
6. Warren Franklin Falb, born May 5, 1920. Reformed Church member.
7. Lillian Marie Falb, born July 28, 1923.

#### **FOURTH GENERATION**

##### **John Falb Descendants Continued**

V. Fanny Falb, Berne, Indiana, youngest child of John Falb, was born October 23, 1884. She was married October 27, 1907 to Albert Zuercher, Berne, Indiana, by Rev. Jacob Nussbaum. Albert was born July 26, 1885, Berne, Indiana. The couple lives on a farm east of Berne. The family, formerly Mennonites, now are identified with the Nazarenes. Their children are as follows:

#### **FIFTH GENERATION**

1. Enos L. Zuercher, Orrville, Ohio, born July 15, 1908. For several years past he has served as efficient farm hand in Wayne County, Ohio. Mennonite.
2. George A. Zuercher, born October 30, 1909, Berne, Indiana.
3. Metta Zuercher, born December 24, 1910, Berne, Indiana. Nazarene.
4. Esther E. Zuercher, born June 11, 1912, died June 11, 1912.

5. Elizabeth K. Zuercher, born June 7, 1913, Berne, Indiana. Nazarene.
6. Herbert I. Zuercher, born July 8, 1915, Berne, Indiana. Nazarene.
7. Helen E. Zuercher, born January 8, 1919, Berne, Indiana. Nazarene.
8. John S. Zuercher, born April 3, 1921, Berne, Indiana. Nazarene.

## THIRD GENERATION

### SECTION V

#### **Abraham Falb, Sr., Descendants Continued**

Elizabeth Falb, fourth daughter of Catharine (Gerber) and Abraham Falb, Sr., was born January 18, 1836. She lived a long single life on her parents' farm until February 20, 1922 when she answered the summons of the death angel at the age of 86 years, 1 month and 2 days.

### SECTION VI

Abraham Falb, Jr., was the fifth child of Abraham, Falb, Sr. He was born on the old homestead north of Mt. Eaton, July 27, 1839. He was married to Mary Steiner, daughter of John and Elizabeth Steiner, neighbors of the Falb homestead, August 9, 1875 and went to live on his father's homestead. His wife was born September 11, 1853. She lived to March 18, 1932, dying at the age of 78 years, 7 months, and 7 days. Her husband died September 27, 1916 at the age of 77 years, 2 months. Children born to them were:

## **FOURTH GENERATION**

### **John Falb, Jr., and Family**

I. John Falb, Jr. was born June 10, 1877 near Mt. Eaton, Ohio. He was married to Mary Amstutz, September 19, 1908 by Rev. Jacob Nussbaum. His wife died November, 1933. One child was born to them.

## **FIFTH GENERATION**

1. Albert Falb, born November 28, 1909. He was married to Edna Steiner, February 4, 1933 by Rev. Louis Amstutz. They are both members of the Sonnenberg Mennonite Church. Children born to them are:

## **SIXTH GENERATION**

- 1) Irvin, born February 21, 1934. Died June 5, 1934.
- 2) Mary Catherine, born May 15, 1935.
- 3) Wilma Mabel, born January 11, 1937.

## **FOURTH GENERATION**

II. Samuel Falb, born August 23, 1878; died October 13, 1891, age 13 years, 1 month and 20 days.

III. Anna Falb, third child of Abraham Falb, Jr., was born April 19, 1880. She was married to Fred Kiener, as second wife, August 10, 1905, by Rev. Jacob Nussbaum. He was born in Switzerland, January 15, 1860 and died in 1930. He came to this country and settlement. He was first married to Elizabeth Amstutz and after her death he wooed and won Anna. Three children (besides a still born) came to this union, namely:

## FIFTH GENERATION

1. Elias Kiener, (See above under Joel Falb Family.)
2. Paul Kiener, Dalton, Ohio, born March 22, 1912, Apple Creek, Ohio. He married Gladys Nussbaum, June 4, 1933 by Rev. Louis Amstutz. Both members of the Kidron Mennonite Church. Paul is following the carpenter trade at present. To this union is born one son, namely:

## SIXTH GENERATION

- 1) Roger Lee, born December 9, 1934.

## FIFTH GENERATION CONTINUED

3. Andrew Kiener, born February 25, 1914. He is married to Beulah Hofstetter. They have two children:

## SIXTH GENERATION

- 1) Merl Fredrick Kiener, born Oct. 8, 1936.
- 2) Lois Ann Kiener, born Jan. 2, 1938.

## FOURTH GENERATION

### Abraham Falb, Jr., Family Continued

IV. David Falb, Orrville, Ohio, R. D., third son of Abraham Falb, Jr., was born June 5, 1882. He was married to Martha Baumgartner, daughter of Peter Baumgartner, deceased, September 12, 1907 by Rev. Ira Buchwalter. Martha was born May 20, 1882. The couple established their home on a beautiful farm southeast of Orrville near the Martin's Mennonite Church, where they have

been active members in church work. Mrs. Falb died July 3, 1935. David married again in 1937 to Dema Hurst. The following children were born to them:

#### FIFTH GENERATION

1. Ivan R. Falb, Ft. Wayne, Indiana, 429 W. Lexington Ave., born July 30, 1908 at Orrville, Ohio. He is a graduate of the Orrville High School. On August 4, 1934, he was married to Miss Marie Von Gunten, daughter of John L. Von Gunten, Construction Boss, Ft. Wayne, Indiana, by Rev. S. A. Witmer, Ft. Wayne, Indiana. Two children were born to them:

#### SIXTH GENERATION

- 1) Richard Dean Falb, born July 29, 1936.
- 2) Martha Jane Falb, born September 21, 1938.

#### FIFTH GENERATION CONTINUED

2. Effie M. Falb, Louisville, Ohio, born February 2, 1910 at Orrville, Ohio. Married to Orris Yoder, June 3, 1934 by Rev. I. J. Buchwalter, Orrville, Ohio. She is a graduate of Orrville High School and a member of her parents' church. To them are born two children viz:

#### SIXTH GENERATION

- 1) Norma Jean Yoder, born November 23, 1935. Died July 11, 1937.
- 2) Dale LaVern Yoder, born April 30, 1938.

#### FIFTH GENERATION CONTINUED

3. Milton G. Falb, Orrville, Ohio, born February

- 5, 1912, also graduated from Orrville High School, member of the same church. Farmer.
4. Irene E. Falb, born May 11, 1915. At home. Attended Orrville H. S. and member of same church.
5. George E. Falb, born July 22, 1919. Senior Orrville H. S.

#### **FOURTH GENERATION**

##### **Abraham Falb, Jr., Family Continued**

V. Elias Falb, Dalton, Ohio, R. 2, was born March 7, 1885. He was married to Elizabeth Lehman January 8, 1918 by Rev. C. N. Amstutz of the Sonnenberg Church. She was born October 13, 1887. They live on the homestead of his grandfather, Abraham Falb, in Paint Township, north of Mt. Eaton. Church of Nondenomination; "One Faith in Christ." Children born to them are as follows:

#### **FIFTH GENERATION**

1. Dennis Falb, born October 2, 1918. He is at home and a member of his father's church.
2. Isaiah Falb, born February 23, 1920. Member of the same church.
3. Bertha Falb, born November 26, 1921. Died the same day.
4. Paul Falb, born July 29, 1923. Member of the same church.

#### **FOURTH GENERATION CONTINUED**

VI. Sarah Falb, Dalton, Ohio, was born December 13, 1886. She was married to Walter G. Snavely, October 29, 1931, by Rev. S. F. Flohr of the Mt.

Eaton Reformed Church. Mr. Snavely was born near Navarre, August 15, 1882. The couple is living on a farm near West Lebanon. They belong to the Protestant Church at West Lebanon. They have no children. Sarah died February 25, 1937.

VII. Lydia Falb was born December 22, 1890 and was married to Amos Nussbaum, February 28, 1924. Amos Nussbaum, son of Abraham Nussbaum, was born near Berne, Indiana, November 13, 1887. The marriage vow was received by the couple's pastor, Rev. C. N. Amstutz. They live on Mr. Nussbaum's farm west of Kidron. Address, Apple Creek, Ohio, R. 1. Three children were born to this union and added to Mr. Nussbaum's family of a former marriage broken by death. (Both are members of the Mennonite Church.)

#### **FIFTH GENERATION**

1. Irvin Allen Nussbaum born April 11, 1925.
2. Nathan Evan Nussbaum, born Sept. 23, 1928.
3. Delvin Dale Nussbaum, born July 13, 1930.

#### **FOURTH GENERATION CONTINUED**

VIII. Martha Falb, Apple Creek, Ohio, was born into the family of Abraham Falb, Jr., May 27, 1894. She was married to Albert Baumgartner, son of C. D. Baumgartner (born April 6, 1887) November 25, 1919 by Bishop C. N. Amstutz of the Sonnenberg Church. Both are members of the Mennonite Church. The couple live on a beautiful farm two miles south of Kidron on

the U. S. 250 highway. Two children have been born to them, namely:

#### FIFTH GENERATION

1. Infant son born November 18, 1921, died the same day.
2. Esther Baumgartner, born Nov. 11, 1924.

#### SECOND GENERATION

##### BRANCH D

###### **John M. Gerber, Sr.**

John M. Gerber, Sr., fourth issue and first son of Deacon Michael Gerber, was born in Switzerland, October 21, 1803, the year when Napoleon Bonaparte I, made Switzerland the "Helvetic Republic", raising all former subject territories into six new cantons, thus increasing the number of cantons from the original thirteen to nineteen, but making the Helvetic Republic a virtual dependency of France, compelled to have a constant contingent of Swiss heroes in his standing army.

Young John Gerber emigrated with his father as a youth of 18 years to America in 1822 where he helped carve a new homestead out of the primeval forest that was the new Sonnenberg, on the quarter section now comprising the farms of Rufus Gerber and Adam Hofstetter, northwest of the Boone School House, four miles south of Dalton, Ohio.

John was married at the age of 27 years, December 14, 1830, to Elizabeth Steiner, daughter of a pioneer neighbor, John Steiner, in the new Sonnenberg settlement. The young couple finally made their per-

manent home on the west half of the original quarter section, where the original home had been built, the east half being soon occupied by his younger brother, Ulrich. John lived to the ripe age of almost 76 years, till August 20, 1879. The author of this book was 4 years old, and remembers of his grandfather's funeral. His wife preceded him in death almost 24 years, having died December 28, 1855, after presenting him with twelve offspring, as follows: Anna, Catharina, Elizabeth, Peter M., Christian M., John M., Barbara, Fanny, Magdalena, Marie, Daniel M., and Regina. The offspring of this Branch D, in 135 years, are 811 souls, from 1803 to 1938.

## THIRD GENERATION

### SECTION I. BRANCH D

#### Descendants of John M. Gerber, Sr.

Anna Gerber, first child of John M. Gerber, Sr., was born February 27, 1831 and married to Christian Amstutz, October 7, 1854, by Peter Schneck, minister of the Sonnenberg Mennonite Church, and the young couple permanently settled on the farm now occupied by Christian A. Nussbaum just northeast of Kidron. They were both Sonnenberg Mennonite Church members (as all couples married by a minister of that church of necessity must be). Christian Amstutz was born November 23, 1830, and lived till August 4, 1893, dying at the age of 62 years, 8 months and 11 days. His wife (Anna Gerber) died April 18, 1881, aged 50 years. Ten children were

born into this family as follows: John, Daniel, Anna, Leah, Joel, Judith, Leah, Magdalena, Daniel, Peter.

## FOURTH GENERATION

I. John C. Amstutz, born in 1856 near Kidron, Ohio, was married October 13, 1878 to Susan Steiner by Peter Schneck at Sonnenberg, Ohio. Susan was born March 10, 1862, at Chippewa, north of Orrville, Ohio, where they lived till 1900, when with their family of 10 children they moved to Geary, Oklahoma. In 1909, with 8 children, they made another move, still farther west, to Salem, Oregon, where both parents died. John in 1915 and Susan in 1912. Many joys and sorrows they had experienced together, bringing up 13 children to maturity without a loss of any, which is a record well worth recording. After the parents' death the children all went back to Geary, Oklahoma, where they settled down. The following children were born to them: Ella, Celeste, Wesley, Harvey, Lydia, Pearl, Earl, Waldo, Milo, Nora, Ira, Elma, Dillman.

## FIFTH GENERATION

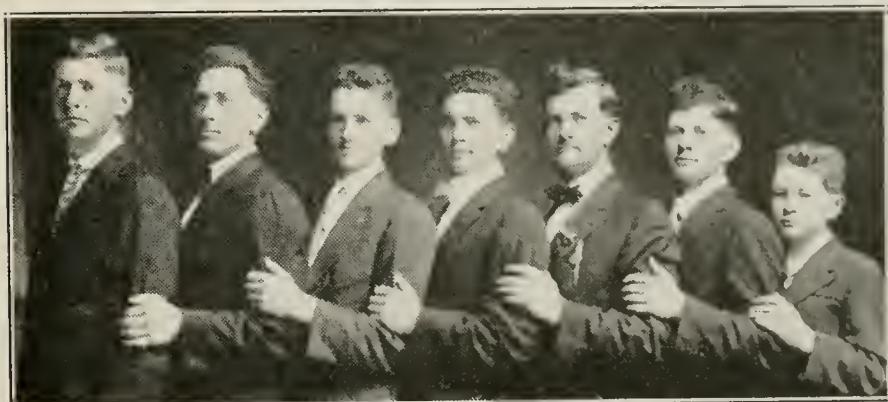
### Descendants of John C. Amstutz

1. Ella Amstutz, oldest daughter of John C. Amstutz, was born October 15, 1879 near Orrville, Ohio, and died in the bloom of youth, November 6, 1898, aged 19 years and 22 days. She was married early in the same year to Dan B. Amstutz, but died during her confinement. The child did not live.
2. Celeste, second daughter of John C. Amstutz,

now living at Mission, Texas, was born June 22, 1882, and married to Jacob Base, March 11, 1902, at Geary, Oklahoma, by the pastor of her church, Rev. Jacob S. Krehbiel (Mennonite). Mr. Base was born September 3, 1873, at Kreisstadt, Russia. They live in the rich sub-tropical country along the Rio Grande River, near the southern extremity of Texas. They have identified themselves with Christian (Disciple) Church at Mission. Their children are:

#### SIXTH GENERATION

- 1) Irwin W. Base, Geary, Oklahoma, born June 9, 1903, was married to Maggie Mae Robertson, July 17, 1927, by Rev. G. O. Osborn of the Christian Church. Maggie was born June 6, 1906, at Texahoma, Oklahoma. Mr. Base is a contractor by trade.
- 2) Clarence Base, was born at Geary, Oklahoma, January 26, 1907 and married to Meta Zobisch, November 26, 1928, by Rev. W. Mathys. Children reported:



Seven Sons of Mr. and Mrs. John C. Amstutz, Geary, Okla.  
Earl, Harvey, Milo, Waldo (Died), Wesley, Ira, Dillman.

## SEVENTH GENERATION

- (1) Zear Harvey Base, born May 16, 1932.
- (2) Ann Celeste Base, born Feb. 9, 1935.

## SIXTH GENERATION CONTINUED

- 3) Harvey G. Base was born January 5, 1915. Was married to Imogene Bingham February 8, 1938. She was born June 28, 1917.

## FIFTH GENERATION

### **John C. Amstutz Family Continued**

3. Wesley Amstutz was born in Wayne County, Ohio, February 18, 1884. He is unmarried.
4. Harvey Amstutz, Geary, Oklahoma, was born November 8, 1886.
5. Lydia Amstutz, Geary, Oklahoma, was born September 16, 1888, near Orville, Ohio. She was married to Rev. Henry Funk, June 14, 1908 by Rev. J. S. Krehbiel, pastor of the General Conference Mennonite Church at Geary, of which the couple were members. Mr. Funk was born April 18, 1880, in Germany. Soon after the opening of Indian Territory he accompanied his parents and family into their new home, Geary, Oklahoma. Mr. Funk's father, also a minister of the same conference, was a native of Seehaus Baden, Germany, and his mother of Bavaria. Rev. Funk was ordained to the ministry by his pastor of the General Conference Mennonite Church at Hydro, Oklahoma, a neighboring village. He is also farming near Geary, Oklahoma, his address. Eight children have been born to this union:

## SIXTH GENERATION

- 1) Verna Mae Funk, Geary, Oklahoma, was born April 21, 1909. At home. Member of parent church.
- 2) Lawrence Ray Funk, R. D. 3, Geary, Oklahoma, was born December 4, 1913. Farmer. He was married to Audray Miller, (born November 16, 1917), October 28, 1933, by his father, Rev. Henry Funk. They are Baptist.

## SEVENTH GENERATION

- (1) Vera Irene Funk, born Nov. 19, 1935.
- (2) Wilma Funk, born January 5, 1938.

## SIXTH GENERATION CONTINUED

- 3) Harry Roy Funk, was born November 10, 1917; died October 30, 1920 of diphtheria.
- 4) Helen Marie Funk, was born November 21, 1921. At home. Mennonite.
- 5) Earl Roy Funk was born November 16, 1923. Member of same church.
- 6) Louis Dale Funk was born Dec. 26, 1925.
- 7) Harold Glen Funk was born Feb. 2, 1928.
- 8) Paul Henry Funk was born August 15, 1931.

## FIFTH GENERATION CONTINUED

6. Pearl Amstutz, Geary, Oklahoma, was born October 3, 1890. She was married to Harry Coil, Geary, Oklahoma, November 20, 1910, by Rev. J. S. Krehbiel. Harry was born Nov. 8, 1889 at Lincoln, Kansas. Two children came to their home, viz:

## SIXTH GENERATION

- 1) Lucile Coil, Geary, Oklahoma, born February 20, 1913. Married to John Paul McMann, May 5, 1934.
- 2) Vernon Lee Coil, Geary, Oklahoma, born January 22, 1921, member of Mennonite faith.

## FIFTH GENERATION CONTINUED

7. Earl A. Amstutz, Geary, Oklahoma, was born March 7, 1893, at Orrville, Ohio. He was married to Ethel Mae Stephens, May 5, 1918 by Rev. Henry Riesen. Ethel was born January 11, 1899, at Ewing, Ill. They are Mennonites, and engaged as farmers. Two children have brought sunshine to their home.

## SIXTH GENERATION

- 1) Dorothy Amstutz, Geary, Oklahoma, born December 31, 1920. Mennonite.
- 2) Dwight Earl Amstutz, born September 9, 1929.

## FIFTH GENERATION

### **John C. Amstutz Family Continued**

8. Waldo Amstutz, Geary, Oklahoma, was born October 12, 1895 near Orrville, Ohio, and married to Edna Rae Stephens, May 5, 1918 by Rev. Henry Riesen, of the First Mennonite Church there. Edna was born Jan. 11, 1899, at Ewing, Ill. One child was born to them. Waldo died January 4, 1927.

## SIXTH GENERATION

- 1) Wayne Dale Amstutz was born January 15, 1920.

## FIFTH GENERATION CONTINUED

9. Milo Warren Amstutz, Tulsa, Oklahoma, 3224 E. 4th St., was born August 17, 1896, near Orrville, Ohio. He is a banker. He was married to Tillie Velma Coil, May 5, 1918 by Rev. Henry Riesen, of the First Mennonite Church, Geary, Oklahoma. They are Baptists by church persuasion. Tillie was born April 16, 1898, Geary, Oklahoma. Four children blessed their home:

## SIXTH GENERATION

- 1) Glenn Doyle Amstutz, born at Yakon, Oklahoma, June 13, 1920.
- 2) Ray Warren Amstutz, born at Yakon, Oklahoma, December 17, 1923.
- 3) Norma Jean Amstutz, born September 27, 1926, Tulsa, Oklahoma.
- 4) Dale Calvin Amstutz, born September 13, 1930, Tulsa, Oklahoma.

## FIFTH GENERATION CONTINUED

10. Ira V. Amstutz, Tulsa, Oklahoma, R. F. D. 8, born August 3, 1898, near Orrville, Ohio. When two years old his father and family moved to Geary, Oklahoma. He is married to Edith Stumbo. Edith was born August 21, 1899. They are members of the Mennonite Church at Tulsa, Oklahoma. Ira is employed by the Mid Continent Ref. Co. Four children blessed their home.

## SIXTH GENERATION

- 1) Jerry Lou Amstutz, born May 28, 1921, at Geary, Oklahoma.
- 2) Mary Francis Amstutz, born December 27, 1922, Tulsa, Oklahoma.
- 3) Ira Vernon Amstutz, Jr., born April 18, 1924, Tulsa, Oklahoma.
- 4) Robert Lee Amstutz, born August 17, 1930, Tulsa, Oklahoma.

## FIFTH GENERATION CONTINUED

11. Nora Mae Amstutz, Los Angeles, California, 935 Century Blvd., was born a twin sister to Ira A., August 3, 1898. She was married to Harvey Francis Hurst, March 3, 1934. Mr. Hurst is a secretary-stenographer. He was born September 24, 1897.
12. Elma Amstutz, Oklahoma City, Oklahoma, 1806 N. W. Ave., 36th St. She was born June 19, 1900 and married to Floyd B. Payne, April 9, 1921 at Chandler, Okla. He is a radio mechanic. He was born May 30, 1891. The couple belongs to the Baptist Church. One child has been born to them:

## SIXTH GENERATION

- 1) Robert W. Payne, born September 11, 1926.

## FIFTH GENERATION

### **John Amstutz Family Concluded**

13. Dillman Amstutz was born March 5, 1903, Geary, Oklahoma. Married to Esther Moore. One daughter was born.

## SIXTH GENERATION

- 1) Jane Ellen.

## FOURTH GENERATION

### **John C. Amstutz Family Continued**

- II. Daniel Amstutz was born 1857; died in infancy.
- III. Anna Amstutz was born May 22, 1858. She was married to John Berg, Dalton, Ohio, March 25, 1880. They lived a number of years on one of the three pioneer farms, now owned by John P. Lehman near the Sonnenberg Schoolhouse. They later moved to Dalton where Mrs. Berg died in 1921, aged 63 years. Mr. Berg died in 1932. Born 1856. The following children have been born to them:

## FIFTH GENERATION

### **John Berg Family**

1. Alice Berg, born March 21, 1881, married to Peter C. Sommer, November 8, 1900, by Rev. Joel Lehman, Salem Church. Mr. Sommer was born March 21, 1880. The couple settled on Mr. Sommer's parental place, one and one-half mile east of Kidron, where he has been making quite a success in fruit and vegetable farming. The couple belong to the Kidron Tabernacle Church. Two children have been born to them:

## SIXTH GENERATION

- 1) Denver Sommer, Dalton, Ohio, born January 7, 1907, was married to Helen Shanklin of Pleasant Valley, southeast of Dal-

ton, Ohio, June 14, 1930. Mrs. Sommer was born June 14, 1906. They are members of the Salem Church. The couple is living in a new home located on his father's farm and Denver is assisting him on his fruit farm. They have no children of their own so far but have adopted a little girl.

- 2) Glenda Sommer was born July 16, 1916, and married by Rev. Adam Sommer, Kidron, Ohio, December 25, 1934, to Armin Burkholder, (born July 3, 1913), son of John Burkholder, east of Kidron. He is assisting his father in farming. They are members of the Kidron Tabernacle Church. One child has been born to them:

#### SEVENTH GENERATION

- (1) Ray Wayne Burkholder, born March 6, 1937.

#### FIFTH GENERATION

##### **John Berg Family Continued**

2. Leah Berg was born March 25, 1882, and married, first, to Samuel Roberts, March 26, 1904 by Rev. Beck, Mt. Eaton Reformed Church. This union was increased by five children: Samuel was born September 10, 1876, and died April 4, 1930.

#### SIXTH GENERATION

- 1) Glenn Doyle Roberts, Dalton, Ohio, was born June 12, 1905. He was married to Nora E. Snurr, August 17, 1932 by Elias J.

Knock, Wheeling, West Virginia. Nora was born January 24, 1912, Wadsworth, Ohio. They are farmers. Members of Reformed Church. This union increased by three children by date of report:

#### SEVENTH GENERATION

- (1) Leah Roberts, born January 24, 1934.
- (2) Viola Marie, born March 28, 1935.
- (3) Edna Elizabeth, born August 3, 1936.

#### SIXTH GENERATION

- 2) Mable Irene Roberts, Orrville, Ohio, was born April 6, 1908, and married Marion P. Smucker, June 23, 1929, by Rev. A. L. Scherry, Reformed Church, Orrville, Ohio. Mr. Smucker is a mechanic. Marion was born September 1, 1906, near Orrville, O. The couple has four children:

#### SEVENTH GENERATION

- (1) Marjory Anna Smucker, born May 23, 1930.
- (2) Harold Allen Smucker, born March 21, 1933. Died August 14, 1933.
- (3) Louise Mae Smucker, born May 20, 1934.
- (4) Leland Dale Smucker, born July 2, 1935.

#### SIXTH GENERATION CONTINUED

- 3) Ruth Anna Roberts, Orrville, Ohio, was born February 5, 1910, and married to Raymond F. Schrock, November 8, 1928, by

Rev. A. L. Scherry, Reformed Church. He was born October 3, 1907. They live on a farm. Children born to them:

#### SEVENTH GENERATION

- (1) Alice Marie Schrock was born August 31, 1933.
- (2) Janet Irene, born June 6, 1938.

#### SIXTH GENERATION CONTINUED

- 4) Emma Viola Roberts was born August 21, 1913, and married Milton C. Lehman, August 8, 1933, by Rev. A. L. Scherry, Orrville, Ohio. They are affiliated with the Reformed Church. Milton was born August 24, 1909 and is a fireman by trade.

#### SEVENTH GENERATION

- (1) Robert Merle Lehman, born August 14, 1934.
- (2) Dorothy Jane Lehman, born October 1, 1935.
- (3) Ethel Mae Lehman, born Dec. 15, 1936.
- (4) June Marie, born July 18, 1938.

#### SIXTH GENERATION CONTINUED

- 5) Lela Marie Roberts, Orrville, Ohio, was born January 5, 1924. Member of the Reformed Church.

Leah Berg Roberts married a second husband, Fred Lautenslager, Orrville, Ohio, March 7, 1931 by Rev. A. L. Scherry, Orrville, Ohio. Fred was born October 16, 1876, of Apple Creek, Ohio. He is a carpenter. No issue from this union.

## FIFTH GENERATION

### John Berg Family Continued

3. Philip Berg was born in 1883. He married as his first wife, Sarah Bixler, daughter of (Swiss) John Bixler, Sr., who lived on the farm now occupied by John D. Bixler, east of Jericho. Date of marriage is not reported, but was solemnized by Rev. Joel Lehman then pastor of the Salem Church of which the couple were members. The family lived on the old Berg homestead, southeast of Dalton. Sarah died March 16, 1913. Eight children were born to this union, as follows:

## SIXTH GENERATION

- 1) Grace Berg, Dalton, Ohio, born May 18, 1902, was married to George Selder of Pleasant Valley. One child born to them.

## SEVENTH GENERATION

- (1) Marie, born May 1, 1922.

## SIXTH GENERATION CONTINUED

- 2) Ellen L. Berg, Dalton, Ohio, born November 19, 1904, was married to Amos I. Nussbaum, April 21, 1924, at Detroit, Michigan, by Arthur E. Gordon. Amos was born April 25, 1901. He is a steel worker. Member of the U. P. Church. Four children reported:

## SEVENTH GENERATION

- (1) Harold Gordon Nussbaum, born May 20, 1927. Member of the U. P. Church.

- (2) Harley Dean Nussbaum)
- (3) Harry Duane Nussbaum) Twins, born July 28, 1930.—died July 30, 1930.
- (4) Harlon Loyal Nussbaum, born September 6, 1936.
- (5) Genevieve Nussbaum, born 1937.

## SIXTH GENERATION CONTINUED

- 3) Sadie Berg, born October 3, 1903; died November 24, 1903.
- 4) Martha Berg, born September 19, 1906; died October 31, 1915.
- 5) John Berg, born December 22, 1907.
- 6) Clyde Berg, born January 27, 1910. Married to Ruth McClellan.
- 7) Elvina Berg, born February 17, 1912, married Earl Bixler, son of Daniel D. Bixler, four miles south of Dalton, by Rev. Adam W. Sommer of the Kidron Tabernacle. Earl was born August 21, 1913. They are now members of the Kidron Mennonite Church.
- 8) Marie Berg was born March 10, 1913 and married to Arthur Royer in October, 1934.

Philip Berg was married to his second wife, Rosena Moser, daughter of Rev. Jacob Moser, August 7, 1914, by H. H. Blosser, Orrville, Ohio. Philip died March 8, 1919. To this union were born five children, as follows:

## SIXTH GENERATION

- 1) Lillie Berg, born March 13, 1914.
- 2) Maude Berg, born April 12, 1915, Dalton, Ohio. She was married to Ira Abram Am-

stutz, June 26, 1937, by Rev. A. J. Steiner. Both of them belong to the Mennonite Church. Ira was born April 20, 1907 and is a graduate of Goshen College, now teaching at Walnut Creek, Ohio, High School.

- 3) Florence Berg, born June 10, 1916: died December, 1919.
- 4) Ford Berg, born December 4, 1917. Affiliated with the Mennonite Church.
- 5) Rosella Berg, born February 19, 1919. Affiliated with the Mennonite Church.

#### FIFTH GENERATION

##### **John Berg Family Continued**

4. Grover Louis Berg, born in 1884, died in 1930. He was married, October 22, 1910, to Marietta Schwartz (see under Christ Schwartz family account).
5. Elizabeth Berg, born in 1885, died in 1932, wife of Joel Falb (See under Falb relation).
6. Peter Berg, Columbus, Ohio, was born 1887. On October 28, 1909 he was married to Rosa Kurzen by Rev. J. V. Findley of the Dalton Presbyterian Church, of which the couple are members. Mr. Berg has sold out at Dalton and is now engaged in business at Columbus, Ohio. Five children have brought sunshine to this home:

#### SIXTH GENERATION

- 1) Clair E. Berg, Bellevue, Ohio, was born September 19, 1910. He is a Methodist

and is stepping into his father's footsteps as a successful merchant at Bellevue, Ohio. He was married to Imogene Kinley, June 3, 1934, by Rev. Harry Cotton, Columbus, Ohio. She was born March 31, 1913.

- 2) Glenn W. Berg, Dalton, Ohio, was born September 26, 1912. He is an on-coming salesman, too.
- 3) Walter L. Berg, born May 23, 1916, died January 26, 1917.
- 4) Mary E. Berg, born June 8, 1919.
- 5) Richard W. Berg, born December 18, 1924; died December 18, the same day.

#### FIFTH GENERATION CONTINUED

7. Albert Berg, Dalton, Ohio, born April 27, 1888, was married to Maggie Isch, November 29, 1911 by Rev. Blosser of Orrville. He farms the old Berg farm southeast of Dalton. Maggie, born January 30, 1888. Six children were added to the family, as follows:

#### SIXTH GENERATION

- 1) Thelma Berg, Canton, Ohio, was born August 22, 1912. She is married to P. Shultzman, since August, 1933.
- 2) Willard Berg, born February 23, 1914. Dalton, Ohio.
- 3) Ila Berg, born January 1, 1917; died June 28, 1925.
- 4) Merle Berg, born October 7, 1918.
- 5) Helen Berg, born October 10, 1923.
- 6) Richard Berg, born April 20, 1928.

## FIFTH GENERATION

### John Berg Family Continued

8. Clara Berg, born 1889; died 1892.
9. Iva Belle Berg, born 1892; died 1915.
10. John Berg, born 1893, died the same year.
11. Ida Anna Berg, born September 18, 1897, was married to Abraham I. Nussbaum, living on the farm at the junction of the Kidron Road with U. S. No. 30, west of Dalton. The wedding was solemnized by Rev. J. G. Madge, April 3, 1915, Dalton, Ohio; United Presbyterian. Mr. Nussbaum was born near Berne, Indiana, in 1894, from whence he came to Wayne County, Ohio, with his father Isaac as a small boy. Five children have been born to them:

## SIXTH GENERATION

- 1) Bessie Evelyn Nussbaum, born December 27, 1915, was married to Andrew Walkerow of Barberton, Ohio, May 9, 1933 by Rev. Pinkerton of Dalton U. P. Church. One child.

## SEVENTH GENERATION

- (1) Ellen Louise Walkerow was born to them, February 22, 1934.

## SIXTH GENERATION CONTINUED

- 2) Marvin Laverne Nussbaum, born December 10, 1918. United Presbyterian.
- 3) Dorothy Pearl Nussbaum, born July 29, 1925. U. P.

- 4) Russel Jay Nussbaum, born July 6, 1929.  
U. P.
- 5) Dallas Roy Nussbaum, born May 30, 1932.

#### FIFTH GENERATION

##### **John Berg Family Continued**

12. Milton Berg, Dalton, Ohio, born in 1899, was married to Ila Mae Lowe, November 26, 1924, by Rev. Zaugg. The following children have been born to them:

#### SIXTH GENERATION

- 1) Curtis Milton, born June 1, 1925.
- 2) Marjory Fay Berg, born February 5, 1928.
- 3) Norman Willis Berg, born April 6, 1930.
- 4) Edna Mae Berg, born October 22, 1931.
- 5) Merle Edwin Berg, born June 2, 1933.

#### FIFTH GENERATION

##### **John Berg Family Concluded**

13. A. J. Berg, born 1905, died 1906.

#### FOURTH GENERATION

##### **Chris Amstutz Family Continued**

- IV. Leah Amstutz, born 1860, died in infancy.

- V. Joel Amstutz, born March 25, 1861, was married, first, to Sarah Steiner, November 27, 1884 who died after a few years without leaving offspring. Joel was married a second time to Belle Ross, east of Kidron, September 24, 1891. One child was born to this union. Joel died in 1920 and Belle, July 12, 1932.

## FIFTH GENERATION

1. Mary Ruth Amstutz, daughter of Joel and Belle (Ross) Amstutz, was born June 1, 1893, and died of appendicitis, May 18, 1904.

NOTE: Joel Amstutz lived on the farm now occupied by Sylvester Lehman and later moved to Apple Creek. They were Methodists.

## FOURTH GENERATION CONTINUED

- VI. Judith Amstutz, Bellaire, Michigan, was born June 9, 1862, near Kidron, Ohio, and died 1925, aged 63 years. She was married to George Berg, November 27, 1883 by Rev. Kenner, Wooster, Ohio. They lived east of Dalton for a few years and later moved to Michigan. George died July 1938. They were Mennonites. Eight children sprang from this union:

## FIFTH GENERATION

### George Berg Family

1. Daniel Berg, Bellair, Michigan, was born January 11, 1888, at North Lawrence, Ohio. He was married to Lola Rauch, March 1, 1911, by L. E. Ellis. Lola was born July 2, 1895, Bellaire, Michigan. Children born to this wedlock were:

## SIXTH GENERATION

- 1) Henry Daniel Berg, born October 27, 1914.
- 2) Winifred Bertha Berg, born February 14, 1921.
- 3) Charles Lindy Berg, born March 2, 1929.
- 4) Marylin Betty Berg, born July 17, 1931.

## FIFTH GENERATION CONTINUED

2. Alfred Berg, Bellaire, Michigan, was born May 4, 1890, at Dalton, Ohio. He was married to Laura Weeman, March 18, 1909 by Rev. H. C. Blosser, Orrville, Ohio. Laura was born November 9, 1890, Orrville, Ohio. Occupation, well drilling. Their religion, Missionary Band. Four children were born to this family:

## SIXTH GENERATION

- 1) Marie Ione Berg, Bellvedere, Ill., born March 24, 1910, at Bellaire, Michigan, was married September 26, 1929, to Rev. W. J. Hansen, by Rev. F. B. Whisler. Rev. Hansen was born November 24, 1902, at Chicago, Ill. They are Free Methodists. Three children brought sunshine to this home:

## SEVENTH GENERATION

- (1) Bennie J. Hansen, born January 1, 1932 at Bellaire, Michigan.
- (2) Richard Hansen, born August 3, 1930, at Bellaire, Michigan.
- (3) John Wesley Hansen, born October 26, 1934 at Bellaire, Michigan.  
Their address: Belvedere, Ill., 423 N. Main.

## SIXTH GENERATION CONTINUED

- 2) Glade DeVere Berg was born November 21, 1911. He is engaged in farming.
- 3) Leo George Berg, Bellaire, Michigan, born

April 19, 1915. Married Ruth Struthers, August 12, 1935, Missionary Band.

- 4) Wilbur Alfred Berg, born July 7, 1919.
- 5) One infant died.

## FIFTH GENERATION

### **George Berg Family Continued**

3. Matilda Berg was born March 27, 1893. She was married to Christ A. Geiser, Orrville, Ohio, May 20, 1909, by Rev. Cromer. Mr. Geiser was born July 26, 1888 in Switzerland. Occupation farmer. Seven children blessed this union:

## SIXTH GENERATION

- 1) Edna Louise Geiser, Akron, Ohio, 2253 East Ave. was born December 11, 1910, and married to Allen Spotts. They live at Akron, Ohio.
- 2) Ora Carl Geiser was born February 28, 1914 at Orrville, Ohio. He is married to Helen Misere.
- 3) Mollie Irene Geiser, born February 1, 1917. Nurse.
- 4) Luella Ferne Geiser, born January 29, 1920.
- 5) Elsie Marguerite Geiser, born July 12, 1921.
- 6) Claire Arthur Geiser, born March 20, 1925.
- 7) Ella Mae Geiser, born April 14, 1930.

## FIFTH GENERATION

### **George Berg Family Continued**

4. Ella Berg, was born January 19, 1894. She married David Weeman, September 22, 1913,

at Bellaire, Michigan, by Rev. Exiner. David was born near Orrville, Ohio, January 15, 1887. Mrs. Weeman died August 27, 1926. Reformed. The union produced two children:

#### SIXTH GENERATION

- 1) Laura Viola Weeman, born July 25, 1914. Methodist.
- 2) Johnnie Roy Weeman, born October 2, 1922. Methodist.

#### FIFTH GENERATION CONTINUED

5. Lena Berg was born August 13, 1895. She was married May 15, 1916, to Edward Kaiser by Rev. Cross. They live at Bellaire, Michigan. Three children blessed this home:

#### SIXTH GENERATION

- 1) Dorothy Julia Kaiser, born March 25, 1917, married to Clayton Wilson, March 25, 1933.
- 2) Della Margaret Kaiser, was born April 27, 1919.
- 3) Earl Edward Kaiser was born June 22, 1922.

#### FIFTH GENERATION CONTINUED

6. Mellie Emma Berg was born August 3, 1897 near Dalton, Ohio, and married to John Nolt, April 2, 1918 by Rev. Jenkins. Mr. Nolt was born December 3, 1894. Their address is Marshallville, Ohio. Occupation truck driver and salesman. They have ten children:

#### SIXTH GENERATION

- 1) George B. Nolt, born December 23, 1918. Member Evangelist.

- 2) Alton H. Nolt, born February 6, 1920. Member Evangelist.
- 3) Roy E. Nolt, born November 21, 1921. Member Evangelist.
- 4) Glenn R. Nolt, born October 20, 1923. Member Evangelist.
- 5) Florence I. Nolt, born January 30, 1925. Member Evangelist.
- 6) Herbert J. Nolt, born August 18, 1928. Member Evangelist.
- 7) Frances A. Nolt, born November 7, 1930. Member Evangelist.
- 8) Mildred E. Nolt, born October 16, 1932.
- 9) Ralph L. Nolt, born April 21, 1934.
- 10) Walter L. Nolt, born March 21, 1936.

#### FIFTH GENERATION CONTINUED

7. Laura Berg was born March 27, 1899 and married to George Gardner, October 31, 1919. They lived at Bellaire, Michigan. Both were drowned while skating near their home on a lake, January 2, 1922. They left two children:

#### SIXTH GENERATION

- 1) Ruth Ella Berg, born August 12, 1920.
- 2) George Wesley, born August 21, 1921.

#### FIFTH GENERATION

#### **George Berg Family Concluded**

8. Sarah Berg, Bellaire, Michigan, youngest daughter of George Berg, was born November 17, 1903, near Apple Creek, Ohio, and

married Rolland Lessard, May 31, 1921 by Rev. Jenkins of Bellaire, Michigan, and live on a farm five miles Southwest of Bellaire, Michigan. Rolland was born December 31, 1900. Six children were born to them:

#### · SIXTH GENERATION

- 1) Lucille Ella Lessard, born December 23, 1921.
- 2) Robert George Lessard, born May 19, 1923.
- 3) Marjorie Lorayne Lessard, born November 7, 1924.
- 4) Infant son born May 20, 1928, still born.
- 5) Theresa Louise Lessard, born April 17, 1932.
- 6) Rolland Louise Lessard, born January 20, 1936, lived only 30 hours.
- 7) Josephine Marie Lessard, born June 13th, 1937.

#### FOURTH GENERATION

#### Chris. Amstutz Family Continued

VII. Leah Amstutz was born October 23, 1863, and married to Christian Badertscher, December 13, 1888 by Rev. Joel Lehman. Christian was born near Bern, Switzerland and came to this settlement with his parents in the early '80's. They built themselves a new home southwest of the Salem Church of which they were members, and lived there until the death of Mr. Badertscher, August 19, 1920. Mrs. Badertscher died November 30, 1933. Four children were born to them, as follows:

## FIFTH GENERATION

### Chris. Badertscher Family

1. Olive Badertscher, Apple Creek, Ohio, was born September 9, 1889 and married to Albert Nussbaum, March 8, 1913, by Rev. S. P. Preheim. They first lived on the farm, but soon built for themselves a cozy home in West Kidron. Mr. Nussbaum is a carpenter contractor. The family worships at the Orrville Gospel Tabernacle. Albert was born September 15, 1888, Berne, Indiana. Four children grace their home:

## SIXTH GENERATION

- 1) Millen W. Nussbaum, carpenter by trade, was born May 19, 1915, Apple Creek, O.
- 2) Vida L. Nussbaum, was born December 7, 1916.
- 3) Florence E. Nussbaum was born May 4, 1918.
- 4) Eunice L. Nussbaum was born May 3, 1924.

## FIFTH GENERATION CONTINUED

2. Harvey Badertscher, Orrville, Ohio, was born April 17, 1891. He was married to Edna May Hofstetter, daughter of Peter and Seraphine Hofstetter of Massillon, Ohio, November 12, 1916 by Rev. W. S. Gottshall. The family lives in Orrville, Ohio, where Mr. Badertscher is engaged in driving a gas truck. They identified themselves with the

Gospel Tabernacle at Kidron, Ohio. Children born to them are:

#### SIXTH GENERATION

- 1) Valeda Doris Badertscher, born March 10, 1919, member Christian Faith.
- 2) Eleanor Vonetta Badertscher, born August 10, 1921. Member Christian Faith.
- 3) Wilford Dale Badertscher, born November 22, 1923. Member Christian Faith.

#### FIFTH GENERATION CONTINUED

3. Pearl Eva Badertscher, Dalton, Ohio, was born March 10, 1893, Dalton, Ohio, Route 2, and married to Milo Villard, November 9, 1913, by Rev. S. P. Preheim of the Salem Church. Milo was born June 22, 1891. They belong to the Kidron Tabernacle. His occupation is spring maker. Five children have come into their home, as follows:

#### SIXTH GENERATION

- 1) Laverne E. Villard, Dalton, Ohio, born at Orrville, Ohio, July 2, 1915. Member of the Kidron Tabernacle.
- 2) Wavalene Mae Villard, born May 1, 1917, at Mt. Eaton, Ohio. Member of Kidron Tabernacle.
- 3) Evelyn Elaine Villard, born January 2, 1919, at Mt. Eaton, Ohio. Member of Kidron Tabernacle.
- 4) Kenneth Leroy Villard, born July 18, 1923, Dalton, Ohio.

- 5) Violet Eileen Villard, born May 17, 1925, Dalton, Ohio.

## FIFTH GENERATION

### Christ Badertscher Family Continued

4. Carrie Alpha Badertscher, (twin sister with Pearl) was born March 10, 1893. She is married to George Sprunger, 4112 Fairfield Ave., Fort Wayne, Indiana, November 9, 1913, by Rev. S. P. Preheim. Mr. Sprunger is a carpenter and contractor, and the family worships at the Missionary Church there. Mrs. Villard and Mrs. Sprunger, twin sisters, were married in a double wedding ceremony, November 9, 1913, and a remembrance of the occasion was the fact that it snowed and stormed so much on that day, that their ceremony could not be had at the Salem Church and with difficulty they were married at their parental home. Carrie and George have had the following children:

## SIXTH GENERATION

- 1) Royle Laverne Sprunger, Decatur, Indiana, was born August 16, 1914. He is a bookkeeper. He was married to Elaine Welty, March 9, 1935, at Chicago, Illinois, by Rev. W. O. Klopfenstein. The bride is a daughter of C. C. Welty, Ft. Wayne. Elaine was born January 19, 1913, at Pandora, Ohio. Member of the Missionary Church. Two children were born to them:

## SEVENTH GENERATION

- (1) Carolyn Lou Sprunger, born March 8, 1936, Fort Wayne, Indiana.
- (2) Gloria Kay Sprunger, born March 28, 1937, Fort Wayne, Indiana.

## SIXTH GENERATION

- 2) Vernelle Mae Sprunger, born September 20, 1916; died October 1, 1921.
- 3) Virginia Jane Sprunger, born April 14, 1921.
- 4) Loren George Sprunger, born July 6, 1924.

## FOURTH GENERATION

### **Chris. Amstutz Family Continued**

VIII. Magdalena Amstutz was born on the old home-  
stead near Kidron, February 11, 1865, and was  
married to John Lehman, January 11, 1894 at  
the Salem Church of which the bride was a  
member. Mr. Lehman was a member of a  
Mennonite church in the West where he had  
been living for a number of years before, near  
Moundridge, Kansas, and later in Oklahoma  
with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Abraham Leh-  
man. Mr. Lehman was born here, June 10,  
1865. He was a carpenter and thresher. The  
couple lived for a brief period on the farm  
now occupied by Jacob Lehman near Kidron,  
but later moved west to the Mennonite set-  
tlement near Pandora, Ohio. Mrs. Lehman  
died July 30, 1915. Mr. Lehman lives in New

London, Ohio, engaged as a carpenter. The following children were born to the couple:

#### FIFTH GENERATION

1. Bess Lehman was born near Pandora, Ohio, January 13, 1899. On November 26, 1919, she married Melvin Steiner. The couple are members of the First Missionary Church at Fort Wayne, Indiana. Mr. Steiner is a sales and advertising manager of the Kroger grocery and bakery. Their address is 4123 Arlington Ave., Fort Wayne, Indiana. They have one son.

#### SIXTH GENERATION

- 1) James Kent Steiner, born Aug. 26, 1925.

#### FIFTH GENERATION CONTINUED

2. Ida A. Lehman, Fort Wayne, Indiana, 4021 Fairfield Ave., was born near Pandora, Ohio, February 24, 1901 and married to Carl D. Light on December 25, 1922, Fort Wayne, Indiana, by S. J. Grehbiel. Mr. Light is engaged in real estate business. They belong to the English Lutheran Church at Fort Wayne and live at 4021 Fairfield Ave., in that city. They have one child:

#### SIXTH GENERATION

- 1) Olive Jean Light, born Sept. 23, 1923.

#### FIFTH GENERATION CONTINUED

3. Jesse H. Lehman was born in Allen County, Ohio, November 16, 1903 and married to

Lillian E. Risser on July 7, 1923 by Rev. Henry C. Jameson. They are members of the Missionary Church, Pandora, Ohio. Mr. Lehman operated a bakery at New London, Ohio. Lillian was born April 27, 1905. The couple has three children:

#### SIXTH GENERATION

- 1) Lowell Eugene Lehman, born July 24, 1924, at Delta, Ohio.
- 2) Galen Dale Lehman, born December 3, 1926, at Plymouth, Ohio.
- 3) Muriel Magdalena Lehman, born August 14, 1932, at New London, Ohio.

#### FOURTH GENERATION CONTINUED

##### **Daniel W. Amstutz Family**

IX. Daniel W. Amtutz, third son of Christian and Anna (Gerber) Amstutz, was born into the family in August, 1866 and died January 14, 1923. He was married to Anna Moser, daughter of Deacon David Moser, deceased, January 24, 1889 by Rev. Joel Lehman of the Salem Church of which the couple were members. They lived on the farm now occupied by Sol Miller east of Kidron for several years, and later moved to a farm northwest of Orrville, Ohio. They reared a family of seven children, as follows:

#### FIFTH GENERATION

1. Nelson Amstutz, born November 30, 1889, was married to Viola Schnitzer, 1916. Nel-

son is a farmer and livestock dealer. Their address is Orrville, Ohio. Members of Reformed Church, Orrville. Four children have been born to this union:

#### SIXTH GENERATION

- 1) Elizabeth Amstutz, born April 4, 1917.
- 2) Harold Amstutz, born June 21, 1919.
- 3) Marjory Amstutz, born March 14, 1922.
- 4) Marilyn Amstutz, born December 18, 1923.

#### FIFTH GENERATION CONTINUED

2. Oscar Amstutz was born February 13, 1891, Orrville, Ohio, and married to Ruth Keyser.
3. Herbert Amstutz, Orrville, Ohio, was born October 24, 1892 and married to Ada Jackson, May 29, 1915. He is a successful farmer. They have two children:

#### SIXTH GENERATION

- 1) Dwight Amstutz, born November 3, 1919.
- 2) Richard Amstutz, born April 26, 1923.

#### FIFTH GENERATION

#### **Dan. C. Amstutz Family Continued**

4. Victor Amstutz, Orrville, Ohio, was born April 16, 1894 and married to Ferne Halter. Reformed. One child has come into the home:

#### SIXTH GENERATION

- 1) Kenneth Amstutz, born February 12, 1920.

#### FIFTH GENERATION CONTINUED

5. Ora Amstutz, Marshalville, Ohio, was born September 17, 1895, and married to Harry

Graber, July 27, 1920 by Rev. E. Zaugg, Wooster, Ohio. Christ Reformed Church. Occupation, farmer and stock raiser. One child has been born to them:

#### SIXTH GENERATION

- 1) Harold Edward Graber, born February 8, 1926.

#### FIFTH GENERATION CONTINUED

6. Esther Amstutz, Orrville, Ohio, was born May 24, 1898 and married to Lester Rehm, June 27, 1919 at Wooster by Rev. E. E. Young. Lester was born October 27, 1897 at Orrville, Ohio, occupation a truck driver. They are Reformed. Four children were born to them:

#### SIXTH GENERATION

- 1) Russell Rehm, Orrville, Ohio, born January 27, 1920.
- 2) Donald Rehm, Orrville, Ohio, born December 6, 1921.
- 3) Lester Jr. Rehm, Orrville, Ohio, born September 29, 1923.
- 4) Norma Jean Rehm, Orrville, Ohio, born April 26, 1928.

#### FIFTH GENERATION CONTINUED

7. Carl Amstutz, Mansfield, Ohio, 24 Dawson Ave., was born August 29, 1900. He was married to Aileen Pedicord at Beverly, Colorado, by Rev. W. W. Spear, of Olathe, Colorado. They are affiliated with the Lutheran Church. Two children are born to them:

## SIXTH GENERATION

- 1) James Carl Amstutz, born April 17, 1930.
- 2) Shirly Ann Amstutz, born Jan. 18, 1932.

## FOURTH GENERATION

### Chris. Amstutz Family Concluded

X. Peter C. Amstutz, youngest son of Christian and Anna (Gerber) Amstutz, was born May 22, 1868 and married to Ida Chatelain of West Lebanon, Ohio, by Rev. R. M. Yoder of the Methodist Church of Orrville, Ohio. The couple first lived on the parental farm near Kidron but later built themselves a beautiful home on the south end of Main Street in Orrville, where they have lived ever since. They have no children.

## THIRD GENERATION

### SECTION II. BRANCH D

#### **John M. Gerber, Sr., Continued**

#### **Descendants of John Baumgartner**

Catharina, second daughter of John M. Gerber, Sr., family, was born November 23, 1833, and died November 7, 1867, aged only 34 years. On May 9, 1861, she was married to John Baumgartner, being wedded to him only six years. Mr. Baumgartner, was born on Sonnenberg, Wayne County, Ohio, September 2, 1833. He died June 18, 1872, age 38 years, 9 months and 14 days. They spent their brief wedded life on a Sonnenberg farm. They were both members of the Sonnenberg Mennonite Church, having

been married by Bishop Ulrich Sommer. They had five children born to them, viz: Caroline, Rosina, Sarah, Daniel and Elizabeth, left orphans in early childhood, and raised by their uncle Jacob Baumgartner.

#### **FOURTH GENERATION**

- I. Caroline Baumgartner, born March 19, 1862, never married. She was a member of her parents' church and died of apoplexy, February 4, 1922, aged 66 years less 13 days on the farm of Eli Basinger on Sonnenberg.
- II. Rosina Baumgartner, daughter of John and Catharina (Gerber) Baumgartner, was born on Sonnenberg, Ohio, June 17, 1863 and died November 26, 1932, aged 69 years, and 5 months less one day. She was married August 9, 1896 to Daniel Kirchhofer, also a native of Sonnenberg, born April 15, 1860. He was a grandson of one of the three original pioneers of the Sonnenberg Settlement. He attended the Halstead Kansas Academy for a term. The couple spent their wedded life on the farm at the foot of the so-called Devil's Hollow where it spreads out into a beautiful grove of sugar maple trees which Dan utilized for many years in spring for reducing maple sap into delicious syrup. For over a generation Dan served the community as a proficient itemizer of news to the Dalton Gazette. He died June 13, 1934. Four children cherish the memories of their departed parents:

#### **FIFTH GENERATION**

1. Roy Kirchhofer, Dalton, Ohio, was born June

19, 1897. He was married to his second cousin, Velma Baumgartner, of Berne, Indiana, September 3, 1933. He works at miscellaneous jobs for farmers. Their address is Dalton, Ohio, R. D., on Kidron Northern Road.

2. Stella Kirchhofer was born May 29, 1898. She is single and at present living in Bluffton, Ohio, with her sister, Dora.
3. Dora Kirchhofer was born July 12, 1899 and has been an efficient cook for several years at Ropp Hall, Bluffton College.
4. Delvin Kirchhofer, youngest son of the family, was born May 31, 1901. He is a graduate of Bluffton College and an efficient school teacher, now near Bluffton, Ohio.

#### **FOURTH GENERATION CONTINUED**

III. Sarah Baumgartner, Dalton, Ohio, was born October 12, 1864. She is a member of the Kidron Mennonite Church and lives on the farm of her brother-in-law, Elias Basinger in the Sonnenberg Settlement.

IV. Daniel W. Baumgartner, Versailles, Missouri, was born June 30, 1866, Wayne Co., Ohio, and married to Caroline Basinger near Versailles, Missouri where they live on a farm. The marriage took place September 24, 1891 and was performed by their pastor, Rev. P. P. Lehman of the Mennonite Church there. His wife was born on Sonnenberg, October 2, 1865 whence both moved to Missouri with their parents in 1868. Dan died December 24, 1937 of an opera-

tion. They have been made happy with the advent of five children:

#### FIFTH GENERATION

1. Wade Dewey Baumgartner, Versailles, Mo., was born August 4, 1898 near Versailles, Missouri. He was married to Pearl E. Hofstetter, December 27, 1930 by their pastor, Rev. J. D. Warkentin of the Mennonite Church there. Pearl was born December 27, 1898. Mr. Baumgartner is a farmer in that community. They have three children:

#### SIXTH GENERATION

- 1) Elvena Ann Baumgartner, born December 3, 1933.
- 2) Ronald Galen Baumgartner, born November 15, 1935.
- 3) Weldon Keith Baumgartner, born December 29, 1936.

#### FIFTH GENERATION CONTINUED

2. Oliver Emmet Baumgartner, born October 21, 1900 at Versailles, Missouri, was married to Elda Ruth Lehman of that community by their pastor, Rev. P. P. Hilty, September 16, 1923. Elda was born July 26, 1900, Versailles, Missouri. Both are members of the Mennonite Church. They have two children. Farming is his occupation.

#### SIXTH GENERATION

- 1) Emond D. Baumgartner, born December 21, 1925.

- 2) Dorothy Lee Baumgartner, born September 3, 1928.

#### **FIFTH GENERATION CONTINUED**

3. Neal Washington Baumgartner was born February 22, 1904, Versailles, Missouri. He is at home engaged in farming.
4. Roy Adams Baumgartner, Bristol, Indiana, was born June 19, 1906 at Versailles, Missouri, is a farmer by vocation. He was married to Mabel Detweiler, February 22, 1930 by Rev. Amos Gingerich. Both are Mennonites. Mabel was born September 14, 1906. In October, 1936, they moved from Versailles, Missouri, to Bristol, Indiana. They have one child:

#### **SIXTH GENERATION**

- 1) Elenore Fay Baumgartner, born September 22, 1931.

#### **FIFTH GENERATION CONTINUED**

5. Alice Anna Baumgartner, Versailles, Missouri, born April 30, 1908, was married December 24, 1935 to Earl Aeschbacher, Versailles, Missouri, by Rev. Clyde Dirks. Earl was born March 16, 1903. Farmer. They have one child:

#### **SIXTH GENERATION**

- 1) Carolyn Sue Aeschbacher, born January 25, 1937.

#### **FOURTH GENERATION**

##### **John Baumgartner Family Continued**

- V. Elizabeth Baumgartner, Dalton, Ohio, youngest

issue of John Baumgartner and Catherina (Gerber), was born October 22, 1867 on Sonnenberg, Ohio. She was married to Elias A. Basinger, February 9, 1893 at Versailles, Missouri by Rev. P. P. Lehman where Elias was born and raised on the farm. They lived in that community on the farm until 1911 when they moved to their present home northeast of the Sonnenberg Church. They are members of the Mennonite faith as also their children. The family was blessed with six children, as follows:

#### FIFTH GENERATION

##### **Elias Basinger Family**

1. Sarah Basinger was born October 12, 1893 and was married to Enos Steiner, born June 16, 1898, of this place, November 7, 1926 by their pastor. Rev. C. N. Amstutz. They live on the old Steiner homestead near the Boone Schoolhouse. They have had five children:

#### SIXTH GENERATION

- 1) Elias J. Steiner, born December 13, 1927 (died in infancy).
- 2) Paul E. Steiner, born December 28, 1929.
- 3) Ruth E. Steiner, born August 6, 1932.
- 4) Eva Ella Steiner, born July 12, 1934 (died February 17, 1935.)
- 5) Louis Steiner, born February 1, 1936.

#### FIFTH GENERATION CONTINUED

2. David W. Basinger, Dalton, Ohio, was born April 25, 1896, Versailles, Missouri, and married to Ella Zuercher, February 4, 1919 by

Rev. C. N. Amstutz of the Sonnenberg Church. They live on farm adjoining his father's home-  
stead on the east. They have six children,  
as follows:

#### SIXTH GENERATION

- 1) Elva A. Basinger, born May 24, 1921. Men-  
nonite.
- 2) Dale C. Basinger, born June 29, 1922. Men-  
nonite.
- 3) Lloyd A. Basinger, born November 3, 1924.
- 4) Clair L. Basinger, born May 3, 1928.
- 5) Oris L. Basinger, born May 5, 1930.
- 6) Lila Irene Basinger, born December 16,  
1936.

#### FIFTH GENERATION CONTINUED

3. Mary A. Basinger was born April 11, 1899.  
She is single, helping at home with the house  
work.
4. Amos Basinger was born April 30, 1902. He  
was married to Icie Steiner of Orrville, Ohio,  
February 5, 1933 by Rev. O. N. Johns of Can-  
ton, Ohio. Icie was born October 8, 1902. Both  
are members of the Mennonite Church. Amos  
is operating a farm southwest of Smithville,  
Ohio. Three children have come into their  
wedded life:

#### SIXTH GENERATION

- 1) Doyle Edison Basinger, born January 4,  
1934, Dalton, Ohio.
- 2) Clarence Elvin Basinger, born April 6, 1935,  
Wooster, Ohio.

- 3) Willard Basinger, born May 13, 1938, Dalton, Ohio.

## FIFTH GENERATION CONTINUED

5. Walter E. Basinger, was born June 5, 1904. He is single and helps his father with farming.
6. Bertha E. Basinger, born March 21, 1913, is at home helping with the house work.

## THIRD GENERATION

### SECTION III. BRANCH D

#### **John M. Gerber, Sr., Family Continued**

Elizabeth Gerber, third daughter of John M. Gerber, Sr., was born December 7, 1835. She was baptized April 18, 1851 and admitted into the Sonnenberg church. She was married to Ferdinand Eisenhart, Vera Cruz, Indiana, June 9, 1879. No children came into this wedlock, nevertheless she was a devout Christian and on her deathbed (March 13, 1895) she sang her favorite songs out of "Jubeltöne" as "Wie sie so sanft ruhn" and others. She died suddenly of heart attack. Her remains rest in the D. Moser Cemetery north of Vera Cruz.

## THIRD GENERATION

### SECTION IV. BRANCH D

#### **John M. Gerber, Sr., Descendants Continued**

##### **Peter M. Gerber and Descendants**

Peter M. Gerber, first son of John M. Gerber, Sr., was born August 2, 1837. He was received into the Sonnenberg Mennonite Church through baptism,

April 14, 1854. He was married to Elizabeth Moser, daughter of the pioneer Peter Moser, May 26, 1859 by Bishop Peter Schneck. She was born on the old Moser homestead now occupied by Calvin Moser, a grandson of Peter, July 30, 1840.

The couple settled on a quarter section adjoining his grandfather's farm on the north, now occupied by his son Peter P. Gerber. Here they raised a family of eleven children out of thirteen born to them, two having died in infancy. Father Peter M. Gerber had to taste pioneer farming all over again just like his grandfather and father; cutting a big farm out of the primeval forest. But he was of sturdy stock like his forebears and lived till July 9, 1908, to the ripe old age of 70 years, 11 months and 7 days. His wife survived him one year, 9 months and 6 days, to April 15, 1910 when she went home almost exactly at the same age. The following were the children that blessed their home: Rosena, Daniel, Levi, Anna, Bertha, Lydia, Peter, Joel, Elias, Noah, Aaron, Sarean, Emanuel.

## **FOURTH GENERATION**

### **John Steiner Family**

I. Rosina Gerber, first issue of Peter M. Gerber, was born May 9, 1860 and died July 25, 1933, aged 73 years, 2 months and 16 days. She was married to John Steiner, a son of the settlement, November 3, 1881 by Rev. Jacob Nussbaum of the Sonnenberg Church of which both were life long members. They went to live on a farm just north of the Boone Schoolhouse in the heart of the settlement. Here they reared a family of eight chil-

dren, all of whom are living on farms in the settlement and members of the Sonnenberg Church. Father Steiner was born December 3, 1845 and died July 1918. Children of this family are:

#### FIFTH GENERATION

1. Aaron Steiner, Dalton, Ohio, born September 13, 1882, was married to Sarah Amstutz, June 14, 1906 by Rev. Jacob Nussbaum. She is a daughter of John S. Amstutz, deceased. The family lives at the south edge of the settlement two miles north of Mt. Eaton. They are Mennonites. They have two children:

#### SIXTH GENERATION

- 1) Alda E. Steiner was born June 26, 1909. She was married to Noah D. Lehman March 5, 1938, by Rev. Louis Amstutz. They are members of their parent church.
- 2) Levi A. Steiner, Dalton, Ohio, born August 18, 1910, was married to Orpha Geiser, Orrville, Ohio, by Rev. Louis Amstutz, September 11, 1932. He is farming. Levi received some secondary education at Harrisonburg, Virginia. Three children have been born to this union:

#### SEVENTH GENERATION

- (1) Lois Fyrne Steiner, born October 28, 1933.
- (2) Margaret May Steiner, born May 17, 1935.
- (3) Palmer Lee Steiner, born May 30, 1936.

## FIFTH GENERATION CONTINUED

2. Amos Steiner, Dalton, Ohio, was born October 7, 1884 and was married September 29, 1910, to Kate Neuenschwander (born October 13, 1882) a daughter of the deceased Abraham Neuenschwander formerly of Berne, Indiana. The marriage was performed by her uncle and pastor, Rev. Peter M. Neuenschwander of near Berne. They settled on a farm near the Silver Hill Schoolhouse north of Kidron. They have seven children. They belong to the Sonnenberg Mennonite Church.

## SIXTH GENERATION

- 1) Edna B. Steiner, born June 28, 1911, was married to Albert Falb, February 4, 1933, by their pastor, Rev. Louis Amstutz. They live on a farm. Three children have been born to them. (See under Albert Falb Family record).
- 2) Willis Steiner, born September 11, 1913. He is a farmer and married Celesta Nussbaum, December 5, 1937.
- 3) Elda Steiner, born May 17, 1915. She was married to Menno Neuenschwander of Berne, Indiana, by Louis Amstutz, November 25, 1937.
- 4) Lydia Steiner, born March 12, 1917.
- 5) Lina Steiner, born August 1, 1919.
- 6) Edwin A. Steiner, born June 7, 1921.
- 7) Elmer B. Steiner, born December 27, 1925.

NOTE: All of the adults are members of the Sonnenberg Church.

## FIFTH GENERATION

### J. Steiner Family Continued

3. Simon Steiner, R. 1., Dalton, Ohio, was born March 25, 1887 and married Martha J. Amstutz, December 10, 1910 by their pastor, Rev. Jacob Nussbaum of the Sonnenberg Church. They live on an airy little fruit farm north of his parental home. Simon, beside a fruit farmer, is also an all-around carpenter. His wife, daughter of John S. Amstutz, deceased, was born July 27, 1890. They have two children:

## SIXTH GENERATION

- 1) Alvin Steiner, Orrville, Ohio, born November 24, 1911, Dalton, O., was married to Ellen Geiser, September 29, 1934 by Rev. Louis Amstutz, at Sonnenberg. Two children have been born to them:

## SEVENTH GENERATION

- (1) Everett Marion Steiner was born November 24, 1935.
- (2) Marlene Irma Steiner, was born November 16, 1936.

## SIXTH GENERATION CONTINUED

- 2) Walter Paul Steiner was born November 22, 1924.

## FIFTH GENERATION CONTINUED

4. Menno Steiner, Dalton, Ohio, was born April 7, 1889 and married to Sarah Nussbaum, daughter of Isaac Nussbaum, May 22, 1913, by Rev. Jacob Nussbaum. They operate a farm on the south

side of Sugar Creek Valley, east of Benville. Members of the Sonnenberg Mennonite Church. Sarah was born May 22, 1892, Berne, Indiana. Children born to them are:

#### SIXTH GENERATION

- 1) Ella Steiner, born July 12, 1914.
- 2) Levina Steiner, born July 14, 1915.
- 3) Martha Steiner, born October 9, 1916.
- 4) Esther Steiner, born August 12, 1918.
- 5) Ida Steiner, born December 17, 1919.
- 6) Samuel Steiner, born March 3, 1921.
- 7) Lester Steiner, born July 5, 1922.
- 8) Allen Steiner, born February 9, 1924; died in infancy.
- 9) Melvin Steiner, born September 29, 1925.
- 10) Annie Steiner, born May 2, 1927.
- 11) Rosina Steiner, born March 14, 1929.
- 12) Menno Steiner, born December 31, 1930.
- 13) Sarah Steiner, born March 1, 1933.
- 14) Aldis Steiner, born May 12, 1936.

#### FIFTH GENERATION CONTINUED

5. Lydia Steiner was born September 28, 1891 and married to Jacob I. Nussbaum, son of Isaac Nussbaum, September 1, 1911 by Rev. Jacob Nussbaum of the Sonnenberg Church. They live on the old Jacob Baumgartner farm just south of Benville, Ohio. Address, Dalton, Ohio, R. 1. Jacob was born June 1, 1886 near Berne, Indiana. Seven children were born to them as follows:

## SIXTH GENERATION

- 1) Leo Nussbaum, born June 23, 1912, and was married to Lorene Nussbaum, August 7, 1937.
- 2) Harvey J. Nussbaum, born August 29, 1914, was married to Martha Amstutz, September 14, 1936, by Rev. Louis Amstutz. Martha was born April 15, 1911. They have one daughter.

## SEVENTH GENERATION

- (1) Ruth Hannah Nussbaum born September 17, 1937.

## SIXTH GENERATION CONTINUED

- 3) Martha Nussbaum, born July 19, 1916. She married Noah Geiser, August 7, 1937.
- 4) Caroline Nussbaum, born March 16, 1918.
- 5) Etta Nussbaum, born August 8, 1920.
- 6) Allen Nussbaum, born August 4, 1924.
- 7) Verda Nussbaum, born April 9, 1926.

## FIFTH GENERATION

### **John Steiner Family Continued**

6. John J. Steiner, Dalton, Ohio, was born April 24, 1893 and married to Eliza Neuenschwander of Berne, Indiana, December 17, 1914 by Rev. C. N. Amstutz, pastor of the Sonnenberg Church. Eliza was born August 13, 1890. Mr. Steiner is a farmer and thrasher. Children born to them are:

## SIXTH GENERATION

- 1) Marvin Steiner, born November 13, 1915. Member of Sonnenberg Church.

- 2) Cleophas Steiner, born April 14, 1917. Member of the Sonnenberg Church.
- 3) Nathan Steiner, born January 27, 1919.
- 4) Irene Steiner, born July 26, 1921.
- 5) Leah Steiner)
- 6) Leo Steiner) twins, born April 15, 1923.
- 7) Truman Steiner, born December 14, 1925.
- 8) Carl Steiner, born January 18, 1927.
- 9) Lila Steiner, born November 15, 1930.
- 10) Tillman Steiner, born April 20, 1933.
- 11) Raymond Steiner, born May 2, 1935.

All were born in this community.

## FIFTH GENERATION

### **John Steiner Family Concluded**

7. Lizzie Steiner was born December 26, 1895. She was married to Jacob P. Neuenschwander of Berne, Indiana, February 17, 1938, where he has a model farm.
8. Enos Steiner, Dalton, Ohio, was born June 16, 1898, was married to Sarah Basinger, November 7, 1926, a second cousin, by their pastor, Rev. C. N. Amstutz. Enos farms the parental (Steiner) place. Sarah was born October 12, 1893 at Versailles, Missouri. Both members of the Sonnenberg Church. Five children have been born to them. (See under Elias Basinger Family).

## FOURTH GENERATION

### **Peter M. Gerber, Sr., Family Continued**

- II. Daniel P. Gerber, oldest son and second issue of Peter M. Gerber, was born January 14, 1862 and

married to Anna D. Bixler, oldest daughter of David Bixler, September 19, 1889 by Rev. Jacob Nussbaum, their pastor. They settled on a farm in the Sugar Creek Valley on the east edge of the Sonnenberg settlement. Anna was born February 17, 1870. They are members at the Kidron Mennonite Church. Eight children were born to them, as follows:

#### FIFTH GENERATION

1. Aldis Gerber, Dalton, Ohio, was born June 24, 1890. He was married to Sarah A. Lehman, daughter of Peter A. Lehman, deceased, September 15, 1917, by Rev. I. J. Buchwalter of the Martin's Mennonite Church. Sarah born November 27, 1896 near Apple Creek, Ohio. This couple acquired the old J. W. Irvin farm, southeast of Dalton. They have been blessed with seven children:

#### SIXTH GENERATION

- 1) Orus D. Gerber, born February 26, 1919. Member of the Martin Mennonite Church.
- 2) Herman C. Gerber, born August 7, 1920. Member of the Martin Mennonite Church.
- 3) Ella Barbara Gerber, born January 14, 1922. Member of the Martin Mennonite Church.
- 4) Doyle M. Gerber, born February 18, 1926.
- 5) Norma F. Gerber, born February 7, 1928.
- 6) Harry D. Gerber, born June 4, 1931.
- 7) Anna Jean Gerber, born July 24, 1936.

#### FIFTH GENERATION CONTINUED

2. Grover C. Gerber, Orrville, Ohio, born January

11, 1893, was married to Fairy A. Amstutz, June 14, 1919 by Rev. C. N. Amstutz, their pastor. They have settled on a farm in the western part of the settlement, after renting a number of years. Both are members of The Kidron Mennonite Church. They have four children, as follows:

#### SIXTH GENERATION

- 1) Dorothy Anna Gerber, born October 25, 1920. Member of Kidron Mennonite Church.
- 2) Ellis Jay Gerber, born July 19, 1923. Member of K. M. Church.
- 3) Ruth Elizabeth Gerber, born February 1, 1926.
- 4) Ceila Barbara Gerber, born April 9, 1928.

#### FIFTH GENERATION

##### **Dan P. Gerber Family Continued**

3. Earl E. Gerber, Dalton, Ohio, was born December 27, 1894, and married to Susanna Schumacher, daughter of Adam Schumacher, deceased, June 23, 1918 by Rev. C. N. Amstutz. Susanna was born August 26, 1895, Orrville, O. They live on a farm northeast of Dalton. The parents are members of the Kidron Mennonite Church and the children follow their example. Seven children have been born to them:

#### SIXTH GENERATION

- 1) Ora Dale Gerber, born October 5, 1919, died five days later.
- 2) Grace Marie Gerber, born November 17,

1920, Dalton Ohio. Member of same denomination.

- 3) Paul Ellis Gerber, born September 17, 1922, Dalton Ohio. Member of the same denomination.
- 4) Frank Eugene Gerber, born July 18, 1924.
- 5) Earl Gerber Jr., born May 30, 1931, died December 18, 1931.
- 6) June Elizabeth Gerber, born July 9, 1934.
- 7) Doris Ann Gerber, born January 6, 1936.
- 8) Sarah Eline Gerber, born November 9, 1937, died November 15, 1937. First person that was buried in the new Kidron Mennonite Cemetery.

#### FIFTH GENERATION CONTINUED

- 4. Oscar Gerber, Dalton, Ohio, was born April 8, 1896 and married to Elvina Hofstetter, daughter of David Hofstetter of Benville, Ohio, June 9, 1921, by Rev. C. N. Amstutz. The couple is engaged in farming his father-in-law's farm. They are members of the Kidron Mennonite Church. One child has come into this union:

#### SIXTH GENERATION

- 1) Clifford Lee Gerber, born May 29, 1922. Member of the parent church.

#### FIFTH GENERATION CONTINUED

- 5. Clara Gerber, Apple Creek, Ohio, was born August 12, 1897 and married to Will Geiser, January 5, 1919 by Rev. C. N. Amstutz, their pastor. The couple lives on a farm one mile

northeast of Kidron. Eight children have been the fruits of this union. They are members of the Sonnenberg Church.

#### SIXTH GENERATION

- 1) Delpha Grace Geiser, born October 22, 1919.
- 2) Homer Edison Geiser, born Nov. 6, 1922.
- 3) Stella Mareen Geiser, born Feb. 19, 1924.
- 4) Mabel Fern Geiser, born September 2, 1925.
- 5) Edith Lorene Geiser, born December 18, 1926.
- 6) Wilson Chester Geiser, born March 22, 1928.
- 7) Leonard James Geiser, born January 28, 1931.
- 8) Ernest William Geiser, born August 18, 1933.

#### FIFTH GENERATION CONTINUED

6. Ada Gerber, born June 27, 1899, was married to Elmer Nussbaum, Apple Creek, Ohio, May 2, 1918, by Rev. E. E. Zechiel of the Apple Creek Reformed Church, where the couple are members. Elmer was born August 14, 1892 near Apple Creek, Ohio. They live on a farm west of Kidron. They have four children:

#### SIXTH GENERATION

- 1) Opal Clara Nussbaum, born October 26, 1918. Reformed Church.
- 2) Harlan Dennis Nussbaum, born March 6, 1924. Reformed Church.
- 3) Ray Dean Nussbaum, born March 5, 1928. Reformed Church.
- 4) Bonnie Lou Nussbaum, born April 13, 1937.

## FIFTH GENERATION CONTINUED

7. Tamar Gerber was born December 29, 1901 and was married to Menno Schumacher. Mr. Schumacher died April 1, 1929, the victim of pneumonia. He was a mechanic at the W. & L. E. shop at Brewster. The young widow is a member of the Kidron Mennonite Church. She is left with three children, to wit:

## SIXTH GENERATION

- 1) Uri J. Schumacher, born June 12, 1921. Member of Kidron Mennonite Church.
- 2) Mildred F. Schumacher, born November 18, 1922. Member of Kidron Mennonite Church.
- 3) Don B. Schumacher, born February 9, 1926.

## FIFTH GENERATION

### Dan P. Gerber Family Concluded

8. Daniel D. Gerber was born May 2, 1909. He was married to Mary Ada Houser, June 30, 1932, by Rev. J. E. Brown. Mary Ada was born March 23, 1914. The family has been broken by the wife deserting it. Two children have been born to them:

## SIXTH GENERATION

- 1) Joyce Eileen Gerber, born July 20, 1933.
- 2) Ruby Ann Gerber, born December 11, 1934.

## FOURTH GENERATION

### Peter M. Gerber Family Continued

### Levi P. Gerber Family

- III. Levi P. Gerber, third child (second son) of Peter M. Gerber, was born May 23, 1863 and married,

first, to Rosina J. Moser, daughter of Deacon Jacob Moser, January 17, 1889 by their pastor, Rev. Jacob Nussbaum of the Sonnenberg Church. Rosina was born October 10, 1869 on the old



Six Sons of Mr. and Mrs. Peter M. Gerber, Dalton, Ohio. All living, age range from 60 to 76 years, making a total of the six sons 403 years.

First row, read left to right: Daniel, Levi, Peter.

Second row, left to right: Joel, Elias, compiler of this genealogy, Noah.

Jacob Moser homestead, at present owned by her brother, David J. Moser on the hill east of Sugar Creek. Mr. Gerber built himself a new homestead on the heights east of the Dalton-Mt. Eaton road where he is living with his son Ivan and family. Rosina died

To this union were born six children, namely:

## FIFTH GENERATION

1. Bertha Gerber, oldest daughter of Levi P. Gerber, was born February 8, 1890 and married, January 27, 1917, to Alvin Sommer, son of Dan A. Sommer, Kidron, Ohio. The wedding was solemnized by Rev. Ira J. Buchwalter, Dalton, Ohio. Alvin is a master mechanic, having established the first garage in Kidron. At present he confines himself to the salesmanship of automobiles and a Hardware store and automobile accessories. Alvin was born January 2, 1888. They are members of the Salem Mennonite Church. Four children have been born to this union, as follows:

## SIXTH GENERATION

- 1) Elvera June Sommer, born June 1, 1919. Elvera is a graduate of Dalton High School, a competent pianist and violinist, in short, a promising musician. Member of parent church.
- 2) Pearl Lavonne Sommer, born December 8, 1924.
- 3) Claren Daniel Sommer, born March 4, 1926.
- 4) Mary Rose Sommer, born August 19, 1931.

## FIFTH GENERATION CONTINUED

2. Celesta Gerber, Ft. Wayne, Indiana, was born March 9, 1892, and married to Tobias Sprunger of Berne, Indiana, June 27, 1915 by Rev. P. R. Schroeder, pastor of the Berne Mennonite Church. Tobias was born February 21, 1887. The couple went to home making

at 1304 McCulloch St., Fort Wayne, Indiana where Tobias is still following his trade as carpenter. Two children brought sunshine into their home:

#### SIXTH GENERATION

- 1) Oral A. Sprunger, born August 1, 1917, works in Groths Dept. Store.
- 2) Kenneth L. Sprunger, born Oct. 25, 1927.

#### FIFTH GENERATION CONTINUED

3. Elma Gerber was born September 27, 1894. Single. She is an efficient domestic helper.
4. Noah Gerber was born October 9, died the next day.
5. Ivan Gerber, only living son of Levi P. Gerber, was born September 22, 1899 and married Anna P. Lehman, daughter of Peter A. Lehman of this settlement, September 16, 1922 by Rev. C. N. Amstutz their pastor, but have since identified their membership with the Salem Church. Anna was born November 17, 1898. Ivan at present operates his father's farm. Six children have been born to them, as follows:

#### SIXTH GENERATION

- 1) Margaret June Gerber, born June 10, 1924.
- 2) Clinton James Gerber, born Oct. 17, 1925.
- 3) Byron Charles Gerber, born July 9, 1927.
- 4) Hazel Marie Gerber, born April 7, 1929.
- 5) Wallace Wade Gerber, born July 1, 1931.
- 6) Clark Luther Gerber, born March 23, 1933.

## FIFTH GENERATION

### Levi P. Gerber Family Concluded

6. Estella Gerber, Apple Creek, Ohio, was born April 21, 1904, and married to Ivan Nussbaum June 27, 1936 by Rev. A. R. Keiser at their home, which they purchased before their marriage. Ivan was born August 14, 1908. They are members of the Salem Mennonite Church.

## SIXTH GENERATION

- 1) Colleen Janice Nussbaum, born July 27, 1937.

Levi married his second wife, Elizabeth Sommer, May 26, 1910. She died August 1, 1921.

## FOURTH GENERATION

### Peter M. Gerber Family Continued

- IV. Anna Gerber, second daughter of Peter M. Gerber, was born July 1, 1865, and married to Solomon Gerber, Versailles, Missouri August 3, 1889. They were members of the Mennonite Church at the latter place. The marriage was performed by the bride's pastor, Rev. C. N. Amstutz of the Sonnenberg Church. The couple, after a few years of farming in Missouri, moved to this county and state settling on a farm near the Pleasant View Mennonite Church, northeast of Dalton. Anna succumbed to a lingering illness with diabetes. May 27, 1921, at the age of 55 years, 10 months and 26 days. The couple left no children of their own but adopted two, named Onie and Elizabeth.

- V. Bertha Gerber was born July 13, 1867, and mar-

ried to John D. Bixler, February 28, 1891 by their pastor, Rev. Jacob Nussbaum. One son was born to this union (See below) after which she died (February 26, 1898) aged 30 years, 6 months and 13 days.

#### FIFTH GENERATION

1. Allen Bixler, Kidron, Ohio, only son of Bertha (Gerber) and John D. Bixler, was born February 19, 1898 and married to Ellen Sommer, daughter of Jacob and Anna Sommer, June 28, 1925, by their pastor, Rev. C. N. Amstutz. Mr. Bixler is engaged with his brother-in-law in the latter's warehouse in Kidron. Ellen was born September 16, 1900. Allen was ordained minister by lot at the Kidron Mennonite Church, November 15, 1937. The following day he took part in a funeral service at that place, and the following Sunday preached his first sermon. At the same date of ordination Reuben Hofstetter was also ordained deacon by lot. Three children were born to Allen and Ellen:

#### SIXTH GENERATION

- 1) Robert Stanley Bixler, born November 10, 1926.
- 2) James Leslie Bixler)
- 3) John Wesley Bixler) twins, born April 8, 1930.

#### FOURTH GENERATION

##### **Peter M. Gerber Family Continued**

VI. Lydia Gerber, Dalton, Ohio, third daughter of

Peter M. Gerber, was born April 12, 1869, and was reared into the membership of the Mennonite Church. She was married to Jacob P. Gerber, November 9, 1899 by Rev. Jacob Nussbaum and lives on a farm just southwest of the original Michael Gerber homestead. NOTE: Jacob is a distant relative of his wife, his ancestry also being located on the "Habbach" Langnau, Switzerland. They reared a family of six children, one daughter and five sons, as follows:

#### FIFTH GENERATION

##### **Jacob P. Gerber Family**

1. Della E. Gerber, Dalton, Ohio, R. 1, was born



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June 28, 1901, and was married to Albert J. Amstutz, September 14, 1922 by Rev. C. N. Amstutz. Both are members of the Sonnen-

berg Church. They live on a farm in the settlement. Six children have been born to this couple, as follows:

#### SIXTH GENERATION

- 1) Agnes Amstutz, born February 11, 1924.
- 2) Dennis Amstutz, born October 6, 1925, died January 25, 1931.
- 3) Myron Amstutz, born October 7, 1927.
- 4) Aquilla Amstutz, born November 1, 1931.
- 5) Galen Amstutz, born October 16, 1933.
- 6) Doyle E. Amstutz, born February 10, 1937.

#### FIFTH GENERATION CONTINUED

2. Nathan Gerber, R. 1, Dalton, Ohio, oldest son of Jacob and Lydia Gerber, was born January 7, 1903 and is identified as member of the Mennonite Church. He was married to Elvina Amstutz, September 23, 1928 by Rev. C. N. Amstutz at Sonnenberg Church. Elvina was born September 5, 1905, Orrville, Ohio. Nathan succeeded his father on the home place, living with his parents. They have two children:

#### SIXTH GENERATION

- 1) David Earl Gerber, born December 23, 1936.
- 2) James Lloyd Gerber, born August 8, 1938.

#### FIFTH GENERATION CONTINUED

3. Sylvan Gerber, Massillon, Ohio, 418 12th St. N. W., second son of Jacob P. Gerber was born June 17, 1904. He was married to Sylvia Price of Massillon, Ohio, December 14, 1929. She

was born October 12, 1911. Mr. Gerber is a steel worker. They are Protestants. Five children have joined the family, namely:

#### SIXTH GENERATION

- 1) Robert Gerber, born July 24, 1930.
- 2) Betty Jean Gerber, born Sept. 20, 1932.
- 3) Donald Gerber, born February 22, 1935.
- 4) Shirley Lee Gerber, born Nov. 5, 1936.
- 5) Twila Gerber, born January 1, 1938. Received prize as first baby born in Massillon in the year 1938.

#### FIFTH GENERATION CONTINUED

4. Gilbert C. Gerber, Dalton, Ohio, was born March 9, 1907. Laborer. Member of the Mennonite Church.
5. Oswin G. Gerber, graduate of Goshen College, Goshen, Indiana, was born August 7, 1908. He was married, June 7, 1934, to Miss Luella Amstutz, daughter of Aaron Amstutz, R. 1, Apple Creek, Ohio, by Rev. Louis Amstutz, Dalton, Ohio. Luella was born March 12, 1912. The couple moved here in June. Oswin will teach.

#### SIXTH GENERATION

- 1) Mary Catherine, born July 22, 1938.

#### FIFTH GENERATION CONTINUED

6. Delvin E. Gerber, youngest son of Jacob P. Gerber, was born December 11, 1910. Married to Esther Sommer June 19, 1938, by Rev. Allen Bixler. First marriage performed by Rev. Bixler.

## FOURTH GENERATION

### Peter M. Gerber Family Continued

VII. Peter P. Gerber, R. 1, Dalton, Ohio, third son of Peter M. Gerber, was born April 25, 1871. He joined the Sonnenberg Church in his youth, but in later years worships with the Martin's Mennonite Church. He was married to Anna J. Hofstetter, November 26, 1896 by Rev. Jacob Nussbaum. They live on the parental home-  
stead just north of the ancestral farm. Anna was born October 17, 1872 near Dalton, Ohio. Thirteen children were born into this family, viz:

## FIFTH GENERATION

### Peter P. Gerber Family

1. Helena Gerber, Apple Creek, Ohio, born October 23, 1897, was married to John F. Geiser, Apple Creek, Ohio, November 24, 1918, by Rev. C. N. Amstutz. John was born April 15, 1896, and is a son of Frederick and Elizabeth Geiser. Member of the Sonnenberg Mennonite Church and a farmer. The following children were born to them:

## SIXTH GENERATION

- 1) Irene E. Geiser, born August 17, 1919.  
Member of Mennonite Church.
- 2) Edna A. Geiser, born October 16, 1920.  
Member of Mennonite Church.
- 3) Elmer S. Geiser, born July 10, 1922.
- 4) Verda M. Geiser, born August 30, 1925.

- 5) Ada M. Geiser, born December 16, 1929.
- 6) Willis E. Geiser, born August 23, 1932.
- 7) John F. Geiser, born May 6, 1936.

#### FIFTH GENERATION CONTINUED

2. Elam Gerber, Kidron, Ohio, oldest son of Peter P. Gerber, was born October 17, 1898, and was married to Anna D. Amstutz, daughter of Dan S. Amstutz, August 20, 1921 by Rev. C. N. Amstutz. Mr. Gerber is part owner with Willis Sommer of the I. G. A. Store at Kidron. The family worships with the Salem Mennonite Church. Anna was born March 3, 1897. Four children have added sunshine to their home, namely:

#### SIXTH GENERATION

- 1) Kenneth Wayne Gerber, born April 16, 1924.
- 2) Olin Junior Gerber, born November 24, 1926.
- 3) Stanley Earl Gerber, born April 26, 1929.
- 4) Rose Marie Gerber, born June 25, 1937.

#### FIFTH GENERATION CONTINUED

3. Alvin Gerber, 1712 E. 85 St., Cleveland, Ohio, second son of Peter P. Gerber, was born January 5, 1900 and married to Sylvia, daughter of Peter P. Hofstetter January 12, 1924, by Rev. A. R. Keiser of the Salem Mennonite Church. Sylvia was born May 27, 1901. They worship at the First Christian Church of Cleveland. They have two children:

## SIXTH GENERATION

- 1) Curtis D. Gerber, born April 4, 1928, at Canton, Ohio.
- 2) Shirley Mae Gerber, born May 24, 1933, Westminster, Maryland.

## FIFTH GENERATION CONTINUED

4. Wilson Gerber, third son of P. P. Gerber, was born March 10, 1901. He is a member of the Sonnenberg Church. He is single and works on the farm.
5. Etta Gerber, Apple Creek, Ohio, second daughter of P. P. Gerber, was born April 13, 1903. She is a member of the Sonnenberg Church. She was married to David Geiser, September 27, 1923, by Rev. C. N. Amstutz. The couple lives on a farm west of Kidron. Mr. Geiser was born October 23, 1901. They have nine children:

## SIXTH GENERATION

- 1) Clair L. Geiser, born February 6, 1925.
- 2) Anna E. Geiser, born April 24, 1926.
- 3) Lloyd D. Geiser, born August 31, 1927.
- 4) Verna R. Geiser, born October 28, 1928.
- 5) Daniel D. Geiser, born February 28, 1930, died in infancy.
- 6) Roy D. Geiser, born March 22, 1931.
- 7) Dennis D. Geiser, born March 15, 1933.
- 8) Lavina E. Geiser, born April 15, 1935.
- 9) Ella Marie Geiser, born Nov. 14, 1936.

## FIFTH GENERATION CONTINUED

6. Ella Gerber, born June 13, 1904, died September, 1904.
7. Orpha Gerber, Dalton, Ohio, third living daughter of P. P. Gerber, was born February 13, 1906. She joined the Mennonite Church in her youth and was married to Allen P. Geiser, August 26, 1928 by Rev. C. N. Amstutz. They live on a farm between Mt. Eaton and Kidron. Allen was born April 19, 1907. They have six children.

## SIXTH GENERATION

- 1) Amos Allan Geiser, born November 21, 1929.
- 2) Esther Alice Geiser, born June 11, 1931.
- 3) Gilbert A. Geiser, born September 23, 1932.
- 4) Sylvester A. Geiser, born January 21, 1934.
- 5) Nathan A. Geiser, born August 12, 1935.
- 6) Peter A. Geiser, born March 6, 1937.

## FIFTH GENERATION CONTINUED

8. Carl Gerber, fourth son of P. P. Gerber, was born March 5, 1907. He is a member of the Mennonite Church. Single. He is a carpenter and mechanic by trade.
9. Viola Gerber, born July 10, 1909, died an infant.
10. Verda Gerber, born October 6, 1910, is single and a member of the Kidron Mennonite Church.

11. Roy Gerber, fifth son of P. P. Gerber, was born March 25, 1912. He is single and a member of the Kidron Mennonite Church. He works on the farm.
12. Ira Gerber was born June 12, 1913. He is a member of the local church. Married to Vera Liechty, Berne, Indiana, July 3, 1938, by Rev. Andrew Lozier. The couple resides at Berne.
13. Leonard Gerber, born April 16, 1915, is a member of the same church, single, and at home.

#### **FOURTH GENERATION**

##### **Peter M. Gerber Family Continued**

VIII. Joel Gerber, fourth son of Peter M. Gerber, was born July 27, 1873. He early joined his parental church, being baptized at the Sonnenberg Church, March 21, 1893. He was married to Sarah Amstutz, eldest daughter of Benjamin Amstutz of Benville, March 22, 1900 by Rev. Joel Lehman, pastor of the Salem Mennonite Church. The couple went to live in one of the Benville houses and engaged in farming. On September 23, 1931, his wife was taken from his side by the grim reaper death and he now lives with his son George. Two children were born to this union:

#### **FIFTH GENERATION**

1. George Gerber, R. 1, Dalton, Ohio, was born January 3, 1901. He is a member of the Salem Mennonite Church. He married Sarah

D. Amstutz, February 3, 1921 by Rev. C. N. Amstutz. Sarah was born May 1, 1899, near Mt. Eaton. He is a wholesale butcher and farmer, employing several men in his slaughter house in Benville and supplies city meat markets with meat. The couple cherish the presence in their family of two children:

#### SIXTH GENERATION

- 1) Cletus Glenn Gerber, born September 23, 1921.
- 2) Vernon Lee Gerber, born February 13, 1923.

#### FIFTH GENERATION CONTINUED

2. Verena Mae Gerber, Dalton, Ohio, only daughter of Joel and Sarah (Amstutz) Gerber, came into their home as a fresh ray of sunshine, October 18, 1909. On December 25, 1927 she was united in wedlock to her former teacher, Clinton Glenn Sprunger by Rev. A. R. Keiser. They are both highly esteemed members of the Salem Mennonite Church where Mr. Sprunger is much appreciated as chorister. Mr. Sprunger is one of the most highly appreciated public school teachers of Sugar Creek Township. Two children have come to bless their home:

#### SIXTH GENERATION

- 1) Robert Clinton, born December 8, 1928, Dalton, Ohio.
- 2) George Curtis, born March 6, 1934, Dalton, Ohio.

## FOURTH GENERATION CONTINUED

### Elias P. Gerber Family

IX. Elias P. Gerber, fifth son of Peter M. Gerber, was born July 17, 1875. Like the rest of the family he was reared into the church of his ancestors, member of the Mennonite Church. He was married, first, to Sarah Sommer, daughter of Peter Sommer, Sr., January 18, 1900 by Rev. Jacob Nussbaum. His wife was born August 9, 1875. After the birth of her sixth child she was taken from his side by death, March 16, 1914. Mr. Gerber was married to his present wife, Fanny V. Lehman, October 3, 1915. She was born July 13, 1882.

E. P., as he is mostly called, the compiler of this genealogy, has operated a successful business in Lumber, Hardware and Planing & Saw Mill for nearly 40 years. A pioneer business man in Kidron, he built his Planing Mill in 1903 and his present hardware store in 1918.

## FIFTH GENERATION

### a) First Marriage

1. Dora Elsie Gerber, eldest daughter of the family, was born July 25, 1903. She is a member of the Mt. Eaton Reformed Church. She was married to Albert D. Amstutz, October 9, 1937, by Rev. S. J. T. Flohr. Albert's occupation is threshing.
2. Delvin Ray Gerber, born April 9, 1905, died May 9, 1909 of inflammation of the bowels.
3. Edwin Ira Gerber, oldest living son, was born

November 10, 1907. He was baptized at the Sonnenberg Church, but later transferred his membership to the Salem Church. He is employed in his father's business as clerk. He was married November 10, 1935, to Alice Leola Bucher, of Bluffton, Ohio, by the bride's pastor, Rev. P. A. Kliewer of the Ebenezer Mennonite Church. Alice was born January 29, 1904.

#### SIXTH GENERATION

- 1) Ralph Dean, born September 12, 1938.

#### FIFTH GENERATION CONTINUED

4. Lila Marie Gerber, second daughter of E. P. Gerber, was born February 15, 1909 and is a member of the Kidron Mennonite Church. After a thorough bookkeeping education she worked for her father a number of years in this capacity until she was married to Otto E. Gerber, carpenter, February 19, 1935 by O. N. Johns. They live in Kidron. Otto was born October 20, 1905. He is employed as manager of the planing mill, for his father-in-law.

#### SIXTH GENERATION

- 1) Harris Edwin was born February 10, 1936, prematurely, and died the same day.

#### FIFTH GENERATION CONTINUED

5. Oren Emanuel Gerber, third son of E. P. Gerber, was born August 27, 1911. He is a mem-

ber of the parent's church and works in his father's business.

6. Anna Elizabeth Gerber, third daughter and youngest child by E. P. Gerber's first marriage, was born May 19, 1913. She holds membership in the Mennonite Church and is engaged in housework.

b) Second Marriage

1. Clayton Atlee, born June 3, 1917, died July 2, 1924, of Bright's Disease.
2. Wayne Van Buren Gerber, born November 24, 1919, died March 14, 1920.
3. Melva Mae Gerber, born May 18, 1921. Member of the parent church.
4. Glenford Nevin Gerber, born January 18, 1926.

## **FOURTH GENERATION CONTINUED**

### **Noah Gerber Family**

X. Noah P. Gerber, Pandora, Ohio, was born October 8, 1877, Dalton, Ohio. He was married to Caroline Schumacher, December 28, 1900 by Rev. John Moser, pastor of the Bluffton and Pandora Mennonite Churches. Caroline was born August 31, 1877. Mennonites. The following are their children:

## **FIFTH GENERATION**

1. Melvena Marie Gerber, was born December 14, 1901, at Dalton, Ohio. She graduated from Bluffton College. Does domestic work at home. Mennonite.
2. Myron Quentin Gerber, Perrysburg, Ohio, 318 E. Indiana St., was born June 23, 1903. He

studied at Bluffton College and is Music Supervisor. He was married, August 7, 1933, to Bernita L. Lance by Rev. Jones Montgomery, at St. Louis, Mo. Myron is a Mennonite and his wife Presbyterian. Bernita was born August 24, 1905 at Weston, Ohio. Have one child:

#### SIXTH GENERATION

- 1) Myron Quentin Jr., born November 5, 1935.

#### FIFTH GENERATION CONTINUED

3. Millen Victor Gerber, Toledo, Ohio, 1723 Watkins Drive, was born June 1, 1905, and studied at Bluffton College. He was married to Evelyn Whitis of Continental, Ohio, April 25, 1931, by Rev. P. E. Whitmer, pastor of the Grace Church, Pandora, Ohio. Evelyn was born May 29, 1908 member of United Brethren. He is a shipping clerk. One child.

#### SIXTH GENERATION

- 1) Joan Lee Gerber was born October 6, 1932.

#### FIFTH GENERATION CONTINUED

4. Vilas Roy Gerber)
5. Vernon Ray Gerber) twins, were born April 23, 1912.  
Vilas, graduate of Pandora High School, and Bluffton College, teaches music.  
Vernon, graduate of Pandora High School and Bluffton College. Specializes in Art.
6. Leland Wayne Gerber was born June 2, 1915.  
He graduated from high school and is appren-

tice in photography. The entire family are members of the Mennonite Church.

#### **FOURTH GENERATION CONTINUED**

XI. Aaron Gerber, born October 11, 1879, died August 12, 1881 of whooping cough.

XII. Sarah Ann Gerber was born July 19, 1882, and died June 8, 1921. She was married to William Hofstetter, R. 1, Dalton, Ohio, January 18, 1902 who is a farmer, by Rev. Jacob Nussbaum at Sonnenberg. William was born September 17, 1878. The entire family are members of the Mennonite Church. The following children are living:

#### **FIFTH GENERATION**

1. Martha Hofstetter was born March 13, 1903 near Dalton, Ohio, and married to Nathan Boegli (born October 21, 1903), Wooster, O., December 25, 1928, by Rev. Moses Hurst. They have five children. They are farmers.

#### **SIXTH GENERATION**

- 1) Maynard Leman Boegli, born May 7, 1930.
- 2) Loren Wayne Boegli, born February 28, 1932.
- 3) Doris Irene Boegli, born September 10, 1933.
- 4) Vernice Roy Boegli, born February 14, 1935.
- 5) Marlyn Ruth Boegli, born February 14, 1938.

## FIFTH GENERATION CONTINUED

2. Millard Hofstetter, Dalton, Ohio, was born September 4, 1905. He is a mechanic and painter.



Eight Sons of Mr. and Mrs. Will Hofstetter, Dalton, Ohio.  
First row, read left to right: Oscar, Clarence, Edwin,  
Millard.

Second row, left to right: Roy, Lloyd, Leland, Raymond.

3. Oscar Hofstetter, born February 7, 1907.  
Painter.
4. Joel Hofstetter, born May 14, 1908, died May 29, 1908.
5. Clarence Hofstetter, born October 13, 1909.
6. Roy Hofstetter, born February 26, 1911.
7. Edwin Hofstetter, born May 29, 1912.
8. Lola Irene Hofstetter, born July 4, 1913.
9. Lloyd Hofstetter, born March 26, 1915.
10. Raymond Hofstetter, born October 21, 1917.
11. Leland Hofstetter, born September 30, 1919.

Address of all the sons is R. 1, Dalton, Ohio,  
at the father's home.

## FOURTH GENERATION

### P. M. Gerber Family Concluded

XIII. Emanuel Gerber, youngest son of Peter M. Gerber, was born August 2, 1884 and died December 16, 1889.

## THIRD GENERATION

### SECTION V. BRANCH D

#### John M. Gerber, Sr., Descendants Continued

Christian M. Gerber, second son and fifth issue of John M. Gerber, Sr., was born December 7, 1839, on the ancestral farm, homestead of Michael Gerber on Sonnenberg. He was married to Mariann Gerber by Bishop Peter Schneck, September 27, 1860. His bride was born May 9, 1837 and died December 3, 1922, aged 85 years, 6 months and 24 days. The couple established their home still owned by a son, John, southwest of Dalton, Ohio. Christian died September 28, 1917, aged 77 years. The following were their descendants: Fanny, Lina, Elizabeth, John.

## FOURTH GENERATION

### Christian Gerber Family

I. Fanny Gerber, Dalton, Ohio, born February 14, 1862, was married to Jacob Amstutz, farmer, December 1, 1883 by Rev. Jacob Nussbaum. The groom was a native of Switzerland, born April 4, 1856, from whence he emigrated with his parents and family, John Amstutz, in his young manhood. The couple first lived on several farms, till they finally settled on their present farm south-

east of the Sonnenberg Church, where Mr. Amstutz still lives. They reared a family of nine children. Mrs. Amstutz died May 14, 1928, aged 66 years and 3 months. The following are their children:

#### FIFTH GENERATION

##### **Jacob Amstutz Family**

1. Simon Amstutz, born January 1, 1885 near Dalton, Ohio, died December 11, 1891 of scrofula.
2. Rhoda Amstutz, born October 8, 1886, near Dalton, Ohio, was married to John C. Hofstetter of the Sonnenberg settlement, December 13, 1906 by their Bishop, Jacob Nussbaum, of the Sonnenberg Mennonite Church. Rhoda died June 18, 1918 of ovarian tumor. No children were born to this union.
3. Lina Amstutz, born March 20, 1888 near Marshallville, Ohio, was married to Samuel E. Nussbaum, R. D. 1, Apple Creek, Ohio, October 14, 1909, by Bishop Jacob Nussbaum of the Sonnenberg Mennonite Church of which both were members. Samuel Nussbaum was born near Berne, Indiana, December 31, 1884. They live on their farm south of Kidron. The following children were born to them:

#### SIXTH GENERATION

- 1) Esther Nussbaum, Dalton, Ohio, born August 9, 1910, was married to Amos Steffen, September 25, 1932 by Rev. Louis Amstutz, their pastor. Amos, born June 18, 1911. They lived on the old Steffen farm but have

recently bought the Dan S. Amstutz farm, southeast of Kidron. Two children have been born to them:

#### SEVENTH GENERATION

- (1) Harlan Steffen, born February 23, 1934, Dalton, Ohio.
- (2) Virgene Steffen, born June 14, 1935.

#### SIXTH GENERATION CONTINUED

- 2) Harvey Nussbaum, Mt. Eaton, Ohio, was born April 2, 1912. He is manager of the feed mill at Mt. Eaton. He was married to Evelyn Amstutz, daughter of Amos B. Amstutz, Benville. The couple are second cousins. Both are members of the Mennonite Church. Have one child.  
(Further Entry under Amos B. Amstutz Family).
- 3) George Nussbaum was born June 2, 1914. He is a member of the Kidron Mennonite Church, and is employed at the Mt. Eaton chopping mill. Married to Rhoda Gerber. (See Phil. Gerber Family record below).
- 4) Edna Nussbaum was born January 23, 1917. Member of the Sonnenberg Church. Married to Paul Hilty August 7, 1938 by Rev. Louis Amstutz.
- 5) Pauline Nussbaum was born November 17, 1918, member of the parent church.
- 6) William Nussbaum was born July 15, 1920, member of the parent church.

- 7) Verena Nussbaum was born January 19, 1923.
- 8) Della Nussbaum was born October 29, 1926.

#### FIFTH GENERATION CONTINUED

4. Louis Amstutz, Apple Creek, Ohio, R. 1, oldest living son of Jacob Amstutz was born near Marshallville, Ohio, March 30, 1889. He was reared into his parents' church, Sonnenberg, of which at present he is pastor. He was married, October 10, 1912, to Elda, daughter of John Lehman, deceased, north of Mt. Eaton, by his pastor, C. N. Amstutz. After a number of years at operating his father's farm he rented the C. A. Sommer farm, and after the latter's demise bought it as his present home. The following children have come to their home:

#### SIXTH GENERATION

- 1) Victor E. Amstutz, parental address, was born April 15, 1915. He was married August 8, 1935 to Sylvia Amstutz, daughter of Amos B. Amstutz, of Benville. She was born July 8, 1915 and is her husband's second cousin, having one great-grandmother and one great-grandfather in common. Mr. Amstutz is a laborer. Both are members of the Kidron Mennonite Church. One child was born to them:

#### SEVENTH GENERATION

- (1) Sarah Louise Amstutz, born April 24, 1938.

## SIXTH GENERATION CONTINUED

- 2) Idella M. Amstutz, born November 4, 1918.  
Member of the Sonnenberg Church.
- 3) Elsie M. Amstutz, born November 22, 1926.
- 4) Dorothy A. Amstutz, born May 5, 1932.

## FIFTH GENERATION CONTINUED

5. Emma Amstutz was born near Orrville, Ohio, August 13, 1893. She was an invalid and died December 31, 1928. She was a member of the Sonnenberg Church.
6. Enos Amstutz was born near Orrville, Ohio, February 4, 1896 and died at the untimely age of 18 years, June 21, 1914. He too was an invalid.
7. Edna Malinda Amstutz, Apple Creek, Ohio, R. 1, was born May 10, 1898 and reared into membership of the Sonnenberg Church. She was married to Aaron J. Lehman, March 6, 1919 by their Bishop C. N. Amstutz of the Sonnenberg Church. They are engaged in farming south of Kidron. Aaron, son of John P. Lehman near the Sonnenberg Church, was born April 19, 1896, near Mt. Eaton, Ohio. They have five children, as follows:

## SIXTH GENERATION

- 1) Vernon Lehman, born February 6, 1921.
- 2) Nathan Lehman, born August 11, 1925.
- 3) Martha Lehman, born May 8, 1927.
- 4) Freeman Lehman, born May 28, 1932.
- 5) Louis Lehman, born November 7, 1933.

## FIFTH GENERATION CONTINUED

8. Daniel F. Amstutz, born near Orrville, Ohio, February 10, 1900, is a farmer and member of the Sonnenberg Church. He was married to Eva Gerber, June 24, 1920 by C. N. Amstutz. She was born July 21, 1900, the daughter of Jacob M. Gerber. They live on his father's farm which he operates. Seven children have been born to them, namely:

## SIXTH GENERATION

- 1) Lester Amstutz born February 2, 1922.
- 2) Marvin Amstutz, born March 3, 1924.
- 3) Ruth Amstutz, born December 22, 1927.
- 4) Earl Amstutz, born April 30, 1929.
- 5) Paul Amstutz, born June 1, 1931.
- 6) John Amstutz, born November 24, 1932.
- 7) David Amstutz, born June 29, 1934.

## FIFTH GENERATION CONTINUED

9. Albert Amstutz, youngest son of Jacob Amstutz, was born near Orrville, Ohio, July 1, 1901, and married to Della Gerber, daughter of Jacob P. Gerber, September 14, 1922 by C. N. Amstutz. The couple are both members of the local church and engaged as farmers in the community. Mrs. Amstutz was born June 28, 1901. They have six children, to wit: See under Jac. P. Gerber Family.

## FOURTH GENERATION

### Chr. Gerber Family Continued

- II. Lina Gerber was born on the Christian Gerber homestead southwest of Dalton,, March 4, 1864,

and died of rupture, June 22, 1922, aged 58 years, 3 months and 15 days. A member of the Sonnenberg Church, she was married by her pastor, Jacob Nussbaum, December 22, 1900, to Ben Welty, south of Kidron. Her husband followed her in death, December 23, 1929. They had no children.

III. Elizabeth Gerber, of Sonnenberg Mennonite Church, Dalton, Ohio, R. 1, born February 23, 1870, was married to Simeon Lehman, February 10, 1910 by their pastor, Jacob Nussbaum. Elizabeth was Simeon's second wife. Two children were born to them. One died at day of birth and the other at the age of three. The first was born December 25, 1910, and the second, Monroe, born April 2, 1912 and died April, 1915.

#### **John C. Gerber Family**

IV. John C. Gerber, Dalton, Ohio, R. 1, only son of Christian Gerber, was born February 5, 1875. He stayed on the parental homestead and married Magdalena Bixler, December 1, 1904, by Rev. Jacob Nussbaum, their pastor. The bride, a daughter of Daniel Bixler, a neighbor to his father, was born June 11, 1872, and died March 2, 1930. Three children were born to them:

#### **FIFTH GENERATION**

1. Annie Ruth Gerber was born May 3, 1907. When grown up, she identified herself with the Salem Mennonite Church. She was married to Harry Gregory, June 24, 1933, by A. R. Keiser, Salem Church, with which the groom also identified himself. Mr. Gregory is a miller

by profession having been employed for many years in the Dalton Mill. The couple now operates the "Book Restaurant" at Dalton.

2. Esther Marie Gerber, born May 9, 1909, is a member of the Martin Mennonite Church and is engaged in domestic work.
3. Daniel Irvin, only son of John C. Gerber, was born September 1, 1910. He is at home with his father and is identified with the Martin Church. He married Bonnie Jean Payne August 17, 1937. Her birthday is May 14, 1913.



John M. Gerber, Jr., and Wife

## THIRD GENERATION

### SECTION VI. BRANCH D

#### John M. Gerber, Sr., Descendants Continued

John M. Gerber, Jr., third son of John M. Gerber, Sr., was born June 25, 1842, baptized into the Sonnenberg Church, April 22, 1859, by Peter Schneck and married, March 21, 1868, to Anna Geiger, Putnam County, Ohio, where the couple went to live. His wife was born September 20, 1847. John lived to the age of 80 years, dying in Oregon, October 19, 1922. His wife died January 10, 1911, also in Oregon. After their children had all been born in Ohio, Mr. Gerber got the "Western" fever and moved to Kansas in the year 1885 and from thence the following year to Pratum, Oregon. Their children were the following:

## FOURTH GENERATION

I. Noah J. Gerber, Snohomish, Washington, R. 2, was born near Bluffton, Ohio, January 7, 1869 and married to Mary B. Bernhard, May 14, 1893, by Rev. John Rich of the Mennonite Church at Pratum, Oregon, with which the couple was identified. His wife was born April 24, 1870, at Untervatz, Canton Graubünden, Switzerland. They lived on the farm near Pratum, Oregon, for a number of years, but in 1901 moved to Snohomish, Washington, and took up homestead. Mr. Gerber has a small farm and is a carpenter by trade. Their children are:

## FIFTH GENERATION

1. Ralph E. Gerber, St. Mary's, Idaho, was born March 31, 1895. Unmarried. He is a carpenter. Mennonite.
2. Lloyd M. Gerber, born July 18, 1897, is unmarried and a barber by trade, address, 1160 Wilson Way, Stockton, California. Mennonite.
3. Bessie C. Gerber, Monroe, Washington, born March 24, 1900, at Pratum, Ore., was married to Leonard A. Schrag, May 19, 1918, by Rev. D. B. Hess of the Mennonite Church. Leonard was born, January 19, 1898, at Eugene, Oregon. Mr. Schrag operates a service station. One child is reported of them:

## SIXTH GENERATION

- 1) Marvin C. Schrag was born February 28, 1933. Died March 6, 1938.

## FIFTH GENERATION CONTINUED

4. Erna V. Gerber, Monroe, Washington, born March 31, 1902, was married to Edward J. Schrag, June 6, 1920, by Rev. John Frantz, Mennonite Church, their denomination. Mr. Schrag manages a gas and oil station. One child reported:

## SIXTH GENERATION

- 1) Duane W. Schrag was born April 27, 1925, died June 23, 1936.

## FIFTH GENERATION CONTINUED

5. Clara D. Gerber, Snohomish, Washington, born October 27, 1905 at Monroe, Washington, and

married to Edward Stucky, member of the M. E. Church. His occupation is barber. Two children blessed the home.

## SIXTH GENERATION

- 1) Jean D. Stucky, born October 22, 1931.
- 2) Carroll Ann Stucky, born April 5, 1937.

## FOURTH GENERATION

### **John M. Gerber, Jr., Family Continued**

II. Mary Gerber was born near Bluffton, Ohio, January 11, 1871. She accompanied her parents to Pratum, Oregon; there she was married to Christian Gerber, of Langnau, Switzerland, April 23, 1890 by Rev. John Rich. They were members of the Mennonite Faith. Chris died June 3, 1906 and Mary died on April 19, 1908. Five children were born to this union:

## FIFTH GENERATION

1. Olive Gerber, born April 8, 1892 near Silverton, Oregon, was married to Albert Eggiman, November 1, 1916, by Rev. W. M. Bushy. Albert was born June 30, 1883, in the Emmental, Bern, Switzerland.
2. Alma Gerber, born May 20, 1893, near Silverton, Oregon, was married to Ferdinand Zuercher, April 4, 1907, by Rev. Avison at Salem, Oregon. He was born at Blanchard, Hancock County, Ohio, October 4, 1887 and died September 27, 1928. Three children were born to them.

## SIXTH GENERATION

- 1) Jean Zuercher, born February 3, 1919.
- 2) Fred Jack Zuercher, born July 21, 1922.
- 3) Beyeren Arthur Zuercher, born April 1, 1928.

## FIFTH GENERATION CONTINUED

3. Lewis Gerber, born August 8, 1894.
4. Eldon Gerber, born December 7, 1897.
5. Lillie Gerber, born August 19, 1901.

## FOURTH GENERATION

### **John M. Gerber, Jr., Family Continued**

III. Paulena Gerber, born February 22, 1873 near Bluffton, Ohio, was married to Daniel Steiner, Silverton, Oregon, April 9, 1891, by Rev. John Rich of the Mennonite Church, where they are members. Daniel was born January 28, 1865 at Bluffton, Ohio. The family lives on a farm. Five children were born to them:

## FIFTH GENERATION

### **Daniel Steiner Family**

1. Elmer Allen Steiner, Pioneer, Ohio, was born at Pratum, Oregon, October 1, 1893. He was married to Lula Belle Zehr, February 14, 1926, by the bride's father, Levi Zehr, at Pioneer, Ohio, pastor of the Defenseless Mennonite Church. The Zehr's are natives of Missouri. The parents of the bride had moved from Centralia, Missouri to Pioneer, Ohio, where the couple is still residing (address, R. 1, Pioneer, Ohio). They are engaged in farming. They have three children:



Descendents of John M. Gerber, Pratum, Oregon.  
This picture was taken at their Gerber Reunion, June 24, 1934, at the home of Lavinia  
Wedel, Salem, Oregon.

## SIXTH GENERATION

- 1) Oliver James Steiner, born June 28, 1927.
- 2) Richard Lee Steiner, born Dec. 20, 1928.
- 3) Doris Elaine Steiner, born June 9, 1936.

## FIFTH GENERATION CONTINUED

2. Lillie Ella Steiner, 1245 N. 16th St., Salem, Oregon, was born November 25, 1896 and married to John E. Harder, factory worker, September 6, 1923, by Rev. John M. Franz, of the Mennonite Church of Pratum, Oregon, where the couple are members. John was born September 8, 1892 at Mt. Lake, Minnesota. They have one child:

## SIXTH GENERATION

- 1) Marie Harder, born January 12, 1931.

## FIFTH GENERATION CONTINUED

3. Florence Della Steiner, Dallas, Oregon, was born April 5, 1899, and died August 21, 1922, in the Salem Deaconess Hospital. She was married to Peter P. Hiebert, July 10, 1921, by Rev. Sam Baumgartner, of the Mennonite Church, of which both were members. One child:

## SIXTH GENERATION

- 1) Beulah Bernice Hiebert, born August 20, 1922, Salem, Oregon.

## FIFTH GENERATION

### **Dan Steiner Family Continued**

4. John D. Steiner, Route 2, Silverton, Oregon,

was born December 29, 1903. He was married to Anna Hiebert, July 24, 1932, by Rev. J. M. Franz, Dallas, Oregon. Anna Hiebert was born January 23, 1903 at Mt. Lake, Minnesota. They are members of the Mennonite Faith. No children have been reported. Anna's parents emigrated from Hamburg, Russia in 1876, because they were German and the 100 year lease was just about expired, and as they were opposed to military training, left Russia. The Russian government wanted their land back, which they had promised to them when they had left Germany 100 years ago. Those that stayed, God only knows their whereabouts today.

5. Pearl Viola Steiner, was born September 27, 1910. She is unmarried and lives with her parents. She is a member of the Mennonite Church.

#### **FOURTH GENERATION**

##### **J. M. Gerber, Jr., Family Concluded**

- IV. David Gerber, second son of John M. Gerber, Jr., was born near Bluffton, Ohio, October 4, 1874. He was never married and died February 1, 1901, at the age of 26 years.
- V. Lovina Gerber, 1011 Oak St., Salem, Oregon, third daughter of John M. Gerber, Jr., was born April 11, 1879 near Bluffton, Ohio. She was married to Frank B. Wedel, Salem, Oregon, September 17, 1914, by Rev. S. Baumgartner, Pratum, Oregon. Wedel was born April 4, 1858. Mr. Wedel was founder and

promoter of the Deaconess Hospital. He died November 9, 1931, leaving his widow without children. He was a native of South Russia. Mennonites.

VI. Sarah Gerber, Pratum, Oregon, fourth daughter of John M. Gerber, Jr., born near Bluffton, Ohio, February 13, 1881, was married to Peter C. Hofstetter, a native of Sonnenberg, Ohio, February 12, 1913, by their pastor, Rev. S. S. Baumgartner, Pratum, Oregon. Peter is a carpenter and farmer by trade. Peter was born April 30, 1876, Canton Bern, Switzerland, came to America in his youth. They had one daughter, Lily Ann, who died in infancy, January 3, 1914. Mennonites at Pratum, Ore.

VII. Menas D. Gerber, Pandora, Ohio, youngest son of John M. Gerber, Jr., born near Bluffton, Ohio, January 5, 1883, was married to Elizabeth Hilty, June 8, 1911, by Rev. S. S. Baumgartner of the Pratum, Oregon, Mennonite Church. His wife was born April 8, 1882. The couple settled on a ranch in Wyoming, where they lived four years and then moved to their native German Mennonite Settlement near Pandora, Ohio, where they are farming. They have two children:

#### FIFTH GENERATION

1. Mary Ellen Gerber, born April 21, 1912, at Pratum, Oregon, has been preparing for teaching at Bowling Green College. She is a member of the Mennonite Church at Pandora, Ohio.

2. Martha Pauline Gerber, born July 27, 1917, at Bordeaux, Wyoming, is in High School at Pandora. Member of the Mennonite Church.

## THIRD GENERATION

### SECTION VII. BRANCH D

#### **John M. Gerber, Sr., Descendants Continued**

Barbara Gerber, fourth daughter of John M. Gerber, Sr., was born May 14, 1844 and baptized by Bishop U. Sommer, Sonnenberg Church, March 29, 1861. She was married to David Nussbaum by Rev. John Moser of the Bluffton-Pandora Mennonite Churches. She died August 11, 1921. Mr. Nussbaum, born November 29, 1839, died October 30, 1902. Both were members of the Ebenezer Mennonite Church west of Bluffton, Ohio. Three children were born to them:

## FOURTH GENERATION

#### **David Nussbaum Family**

- I. Noah Nussbaum, born July 26, 1882, died two days later.
- II. Jacob Nussbaum, Bluffton, Ohio, born July 29, 1884, was married first, to Lena Both, February 18, 1916. She died September 30, 1917. One child is reported of this union. Jacob Nussbaum married his second wife, Nettie Blakely, November 7, 1920. Of this union four children were born:

## FIFTH GENERATION (FIRST MARRIAGE)

1. Donald David Nussbaum, born March 8, 1917.  
Second Marriage
2. Melvin Ray Nussbaum, born April 25, 1921.
3. Edith Marcella Nussbaum, born September 26, 1922.
4. Burdella June Nussbaum, born June 23, 1925.
5. Francis Carlton Nussbaum, born December 6, 1929.

## FOURTH GENERATION CONTINUED

III. Lavina Nussbaum, Bluffton, Ohio, was born May 5, 1886 and married to Amos Basinger, Pandora, Ohio, December 5, 1908, by Rev. J. B. Baer, Bluffton, Ohio. Amos was born November 27, 1884. They farm the parental Nussbaum place. Members of the Ebenezer Mennonite Church. Three children have been born to them:

## FIFTH GENERATION CONTINUED

1. Francis Millard Basinger was born at Bluffton, Ohio, November 10, 1910. He was married to Minnie May Sprunger of Berne, Indiana, April 16, 1933 by Rev. Tropf of the Missionary Church of Berne, Indiana. Two children born to this union:

## SIXTH GENERATION

- 1) Died as infant, May 21, 1934.
- 2) Doris Jean, born August 7, 1936.

## FIFTH GENERATION CONTINUED

2. Jonathan David Basinger was born July 12, 1914, died two days old.

3. Milo Edison Basinger, born May 22, 1916, died March 11, 1931.

## THIRD GENERATION

### SECTION VIII. BRANCH D

#### **John M. Gerber, Sr., Descendants**

Fanny Gerber, fifth daughter of John M. Gerber, Sr., was born May 9, 1846. Baptized by Bishop Christian Sommer of the Sonnenberg Church, March 25, 1864, and married to Christian Baumgartner, Vera Cruz, Indiana, February 1, 1869. Sometime after the beginnings of the village of Berne, Indiana (started about 1871) the family settled in that town, probably about 1881), where Mr. Baumgartner was employed for a number of years in a sawmill. Later he worked at odd jobs. Nine children were born into that family, of which four died in infancy. Eli, Emma L., Calvin C., Levina, Sarah Ann, Adula C., Edwin C., George C., Lenhart.

## FOURTH GENERATION

#### **C. C. Baumgartner Family**

- I. Eli Baumgartner, born near Dalton, Ohio, December 11, 1869, moved to Vera Cruz and later to Berne, Indiana, with his parents where he grew to manhood. He became a member of the Berne Mennonite Church in his youth and as soon as he was grown up learned the carpenter trade which he has followed ever since. He was married to Louise Lehman by Rev. S. F. Sprunger of the Mennonite Church at Berne,

December 23, 1894. His wife was born February 28, 1873. They have been living in Berne ever since their marriage. Four children have been born to them, namely:

#### FIFTH GENERATION

1. Leo Baumgartner, born April 19, 1896, died the same day.
2. Ira Baumgartner, Sylvania, Ohio, was born July 20, 1897. He was married to Mable Smith, Findlay, Ohio, August 29, 1923 by Rev. G. N. Lilly of Findlay, Ohio, Congregational Church. Mr. Baumgartner, a graduate of Bluffton College, is superintendent of schools at Sylvania, Ohio. His wife was born September 20, 1900. Two children have brought sunshine into their home:

#### SIXTH GENERATION

- 1) Richard Baumgartner, born July 6, 1924 at Rawson, Ohio.
- 2) Elizabeth Ann Baumgartner, born March 30, 1926, at Dola, Ohio.

#### FIFTH GENERATION CONTINUED

3. Ora Baumgartner, Berne, Indiana, was born February 19, 1900. She was married to Edwin Nussbaum, November 6, 1921, by Rev. P. R. Schroeder, pastor of the Berne Mennonite Church. Mr. Nussbaum was born May 2, 1899. He is an upholsterer by trade. Are members of the Mennonite Church at Berne. Three children have been born to the couple:

## SIXTH GENERATION

- 1) Kenyon Clair Nussbaum, born September 3, 1922.
- 2) Jean Marie Nussbaum, born January 18, 1925.
- 3) Howard Dale Nussbaum, born March 24, 1928.

## FIFTH GENERATION CONTINUED

4. Elva Baumgartner, Los Angeles, California, 8015 Stanford Ave., born November 10, 1906, at Berne, Indiana, was married to Earl Winteregg, August 25, 1928, by Rev. C. H. Sauerwein, Reformed Church at Berne. He was born January 28, 1908. He is engaged as truck driver. Both are members of the Mennonite Church at Berne, Indiana. Two children have been reported of this union:

## SIXTH GENERATION

- 1) Jeann May Winteregg, born April 28, 1930 at Van Nuys, California.
- 2) Tommy Bruce Winteregg, born April 4, 1935, at Hollywood, California.

## FOURTH GENERATION

### C. C. Baumgartner Family Continued

- II. Emma Louise Baumgartner, oldest daughter of Christian and Fanny (Gerber) Baumgartner, was born in Wayne County, Ohio, July 10, 1871. She lived to the age of 17 years, 8 months and 22. days and died at her home at Berne, Indiana, April 2, 1889 of tuberculosis. She had been a

member of the Mennonite Church at Berne.

III. Calvin C. Baumgartner, second son of Christian Baumgartner, was born at Vera Cruz, Indiana, March 2, 1874, and died August 27, 1874.

IV. Levina Baumgartner, second daughter of Christian Baumgartner, was born at Vera Cruz, Indiana, January 8, 1876. In her early youth she went to Wayne County, Ohio, to live with relatives until she was married to Elias Amstutz, October 25, 1900, (Elias was born December 7, 1875) by Rev Jacob Nussbaum and joined her husband's church at Sonnenberg. Their home address is Apple Creek, Ohio, R. 1. To them were born six children, as follows:

#### FIFTH GENERATION

##### **Elias Amstutz Family**

1. Menno S. Amstutz, Beloit, Ohio, R. D. 1, was born April 7, 1904. He is an electrician. He was married to Beulah M. Stutzman, March 2, 1929, by Rev. O. N. Johns at Canton, Ohio. The couple belongs to the Mennonite Church. Two children have been born to them up to

#### SIXTH GENERATION

- 1) Marilyn Gloria Amstutz, born January 18, 1930, at Cleveland, Ohio.
- 2) Joann Delight Amstutz, born October 28, 1935 at Beloit, Ohio.

#### FIFTH GENERATION CONTINUED

2. Ellis E. Amstutz, Wooster, Ohio, 237½ E. Larwell Street, was born near Apple Creek, Ohio, September 13, 1906. He is a dairyman. He

was married to Mildred Lucille Howman, June 9, 1937 at Ontario, Ohio, by Rev. R. A. Hallat. Mildred was born July 12, 1915.

3. Sarean Amstutz, Apple Creek, Ohio, born February 10, 1908, was married to Willis Lehman, November 23, 1929 by their pastor, Rev. C. N. Amstutz. Willis was born November 8, 1907. They are members of the Sonnenberg Church. Farmer. Four children have been reported of this union:

#### SIXTH GENERATION

- 1) Donavan Dale Lehman, born September 3, 1931.
- 2) James Orten Lehman, born December 22, 1932.
- 3) Kenneth William Lehman, born October 13, 1934.
- 4) Chester Lee Lehman, born August 13, 1936.

#### FIFTH GENERATION

4. George C. Amstutz was born July 28, 1910. He is a school teacher. He was married to Miss Frieda Amstutz, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. P. J. Amstutz, June 30, 1935 by Rev. O. N. Johns of Canton, Ohio. They are both Mennonites and have had advanced school privileges. Frieda was born October 10, 1911, Dalton, Ohio. They live at Kidron.
5. Leo L. Amstutz, Apple Creek, Ohio, was born May 16, 1912. He is employed in a dairy at Wadsworth, Ohio. He holds membership in the Kidron Mennonite Church and was mar-

ried to Rosella Lehman, October 16, 1937, by A. J. Steiner. Rosella was born March 6, 1916.

6. Elva Lucy Amstutz, Reading, Pa., was born March 8, 1914. She is also a member of the Sonnenberg Mennonite Church. She is doing housework in Reading, Pennsylvania.

## FOURTH GENERATION

### C. C. Baumgartner Family Continued

V. Sarah Ann Baumgartner, born September 19, 1877, died after a few days.

VI. Aldula C. Baumgartner, born at Vera Cruz, Indiana, April 17, 1880, died July 12 of the same year.

VII. Edwin C. Baumgartner was born July 1, 1881, at Berne, Indiana, and is a member of the Missionary Church at Fort Wayne, Indiana. He was first married to Delila Sprunger, January 4, 1906, by Rev. J. W. Kliewer, then pastor of the Mennonite Church at Berne. He moved to Fort Wayne, where he has been contractor and builder. His first wife, born October 9, 1884, died June 24, 1924, at Fort Wayne. On May 22, 1926 he entered a second matrimonial career with Mary A. Diller, of Pandora, Ohio, by Rev. E. J. Neuenschwander. The following children have been born to Edwin:

## FIFTH GENERATION

### (a) First Marriage.

1. Florine Verena Baumgartner, born August 29, 1907, at Berne, Indiana, died the next day.

2. Pauline Regina Baumgartner, Evansville, Indiana, 1435 S. Emmeth Ave., born July 20, 1908, at Berne, Indiana, graduated at the Indiana University and taught high school at Paragon, Indiana. She is a member of the First Missionary Church, Fort Wayne, Indiana. She was married May 14, 1933, to Joe H. McCool of Evansville, Indiana, by Rev. S. A. Witmer. He studies medicine at Indianapolis. One child has been born:

#### SIXTH GENERATION

- 1) Martha Lou McCool, born July 28, 1936, Evansville, Indiana.

#### FIFTH GENERATION CONTINUED

3. Clara Ida Baumgartner, Fort Wayne, Indiana, 1616 Kentucky Ave., born October 15, 1910, at Berne, Indiana, is a high school graduate and is a stenographer at Fort Wayne. Member of the Missionary Church. Married Lewis Milas Reiff on June 15, 1935 at Tipton, Indiana. Have one child.

#### SIXTH GENERATION

- 1) Charles Stephen Reiff, born September 11, 1936, Fort Wayne, Indiana.

#### FIFTH GENERATION CONTINUED

4. Esther Louise Baumgartner, born at Fort Wayne, January 29, 1915, is a member of the Missionary Church, high school graduate in 1933, and employed in Cleveland, Ohio.
5. Martha Jane Baumgartner was born June 2,

1917, at Fort Wayne, Indiana. Member of the Missionary Church and high school student.

(b) Second Marriage

6. Dorothy Elizabeth Baumgartner, born December 24, 1927.

## FOURTH GENERATION

### C. C. Baumgartner Family Continued

- VIII. George Baumgartner, 3108 Fairfield Ave., Fort Wayne, Indiana, youngest living son of Christian Baumgartner of Berne, Indiana, was born October 21, 1882. When grown up he became a plasterer and for a while he did stucco plastering business on a large scale in and around Berne. He was married to Lydia Burkhalter, Berne, Indiana, January 1, 1911, by Rev. J. W. Kliewer. Several years later he moved to Fort Wayne, where he continued his plastering trade. As members of the Mennonite Church at Berne, they later identified themselves with the Missionary Church at Fort Wayne. They have three children, viz:

## FIFTH GENERATION

1. Vera Marie Baumgartner, born March 18, 1912, is a member of the Ft. Wayne Missionary Church. She attends Wheaton College, Wheaton, Illinois.
2. Menno Gordon Baumgartner, 1303 Scott Ave., Fort Wayne, Indiana, was born January 13, 1914, at Berne. Member of the Missionary Church. Married to Treva Lu-

cile Gerber, June 16, 1935 by Rev. S. A. Witmer. Treva Lucile, born April 6, 1915, Pandora, Ohio.

## SIXTH GENERATION

- 1) Ruth Ellen Baumgartner, born September 26, 1938.

## FIFTH GENERATION CONTINUED

3. Adah Verena Baumgartner, born June 28, 1918, is also a member of the Missionary Church at Fort Wayne.

## FOURTH GENERATION

### C. C. Baumgartner Family Concluded

IX. Lenhard Baumgartner, last child of Christian and Fanny (Gerber) Baumgartner, was born at Berne, Indiana, November 26, 1887 and died January 23, 1888.

## THIRD GENERATION

### SECTION IX. BRANCH D

#### John M. Gerber, Sr., Descendants Continued

Magdalena Gerber was born April 7, 1848, the sixth daughter of John M. Gerber, Sr. She was baptized March 30, 1866 into the Sonnenberg Mennonite Church. She was married to Ephraim Baumgartner, February 1, 1872 by Rev. C. Sommer. Ephraim was born near Linn Grove or Vera Cruz, Indiana, July 25, 1846. He was a carpenter by trade. The union was blessed with nine children, as follows: Aldina, Noah O., Hiram H., Manasseh M., Cora E., Amanda S., Leonora M., Lillie O., Orva M.

## FOURTH GENERATION

### Ephraim Baumgartner Family

I. Aldina A. Baumgartner was born in Adams County, Indiana, January 26, 1874, and died February 17, 1918, of tuberculosis. She was married to Gideon Sprunger of Berne, Indiana, November 15, 1896, by Rev. S. F. Sprunger of the Mennonite Church at Berne where both were active members. This couple lived on the farm, mostly in Michigan. The groom was born September 6, 1866, son of the aged Rev. Christian Sprunger, one of the founders of the Berne Congregation. Their children numbered four:

## FIFTH GENERATION

1. Gertrude A. Sprunger, Shelby, Michigan, was born July 11, 1898. She is a member of the Missionary Church and was married to Clare L. Smith, July 5, 1924, by Rev. Wm. Egle. Mr. Smith owns and operates a saw mill, Mfg. Crates and Boxes. They have five children.

## SIXTH GENERATION

1) Lawrence E. Smith, born April 5, 1926.  
2) Donna Jean Smith, born Nov. 17, 1927.  
3) Warren Bradley Smith, born Aug. 19, 1930.  
4) Kathleen Smith, born September 2, 1933.  
5) Mary Alice Smith, born September 9, 1934.

## FIFTH GENERATION CONTINUED

2. Magdalena M. Sprunger, born October 16, 1900, at Berne, Indiana, was married to Harvey Hirschy, June 27, 1926 by Rev. Solomon

Klopfenstein, Missionary Church. Mr. Hirschy is occupied in a furniture factory. Their address is Plainwell, Michigan. They are members of the Calvary Church. One child is reported.

#### **SIXTH GENERATION**

- 1) Geraldine Mae Hirschy, born June 1, 1927.

#### **FIFTH GENERATION CONTINUED**

3. Esther E. Sprunger, born June 19, 1902 at Berne, Indiana, was married to Preston H. Zehr, April 19, 1924, by Rev. Wm. Egle, pastor of the Missionary Church. Mr. Zehr is engaged in a printshop at Berne. He was born July 10, 1903 near Geneva, Indiana. One child reported.

#### **SIXTH GENERATION**

- 1) John Zehr, born March 31, 1928 at Berne, Indiana.

#### **FIFTH GENERATION CONTINUED**

4. Palmer C. Sprunger, Geneva, Indiana, was born February 26, 1905 at Berne, Indiana, and married to Marcella Gephart, December 26, 1931, by Rev. Gilbert Eddy, of the Missionary Church, where they were members. Marcella was born September 4, 1908, Berne, Indiana, and died November 17, 1937. He works in a furniture factory.

#### **FOURTH GENERATION**

- II. Noah Oswin Baumgartner was born near Berne, Indiana, December 4, 1875, and married to Meta Steiner, January 28, 1902 by their pastor, Rev. S. F. Sprunger of the Berne Mennonite Church.

They are Methodists. Meta was born January 27, 1882. The family lives at Berne, where Mr. Baumgartner is engaged in carpenter work. Their children are:

#### FIFTH GENERATION

1. Inah Baumgartner was born December 25, 1902, and married to Rev. T. J. Cotton, January, 1924, by Rev. J. C. White, Fort Wayne, Indiana. He is a Methodist minister at Walton, Indiana, and was born at Ossian, September 8, 1899. They are blessed with two children. Inah had 4 grandparents and 4 great-grandparents living at her birth.

#### SIXTH GENERATION

- 1) Warren Todd Cotton, born September 16, 1928.
- 2) Forest Fremont Cotton, born December 14, 1935.

#### FIFTH GENERATION CONTINUED

2. Estella Baumgartner was born August 12, 1905 at Berne, Indiana, and married to Ercil Steward, Butler, Indiana, April 8, 1933, by Rev. T. J. Cotton, Fort Wayne, Indiana. Ercil was born October 17, 1911, at Spencerville, Indiana. They are Methodists.
3. Milford Baumgartner was born January 19, 1911. He is single and belongs to the Methodist Church. He is attending College in Manistee, Michigan.
4. Robert Baumgartner, born July 17, 1918, died the same day.

## FOURTH GENERATION CONTINUED

III. Hiram Henry Baumgartner, Berne, Indiana, was born September 19, 1877 and died January 28, 1928. He was married to Amelia (Mollie) Sprunger, daughter of A. A. Sprunger, October 4, 1903, by their pastor, Rev. Joel Lehman of the Berne Mennonite Church. The couple established a home just east of the A. A. Sprunger homestead and went to farming. Mr. Baumgartner, a little while before his death, was elected deacon of the Mennonite Church at Berne. He died of a lingering nervous illness. Their children are:

### FIFTH GENERATION

1. Velma Aganetha Baumgartner, born April 4, 1906. (See under Roy Kirchhofer).
2. Willard Luther Baumgartner, oldest son of Hiram Baumgartner, was born July 21, 1908 near Berne, Indiana, and married to Margaret Rawley, east of Berne, April 1, 1934 by Rev. C. H. Suckau, the couple's pastor, of the Berne Mennonite Church. Willard is a truck driver and the couple lives in Berne. Two children have been born to them.

### SIXTH GENERATION

- 1) Grace Amelia Baumgartner, born January 9, 1935.
- 2) Margaret Alene Baumgartner, born May 7, 1936.

### FIFTH GENERATION CONTINUED

3. Rhoda Magdalena Baumgartner, second

daughter of Hiram Baumgartner, was born July 1, 1911. She is a member of the Berne Mennonite Church and employed at the overall factory.

4. Esther Lucille Baumgartner, born April 17, 1913, a member of the Mennonite Church, is married to Lester Gerber. (See under Rufus Gerber record).
5. Lawrence Leslie Baumgartner was born March 24, 1916. He is a member of the Mennonite Church and farms at home.
6. Ella Jane Baumgartner was born October 8, 1918. She is a member of the Mennonite Church and works at home.

#### **FOURTH GENERATION**

##### **Eph. Baumgartner Family Continued**

- IV. Menas Milo Baumgartner, Restaurateur at Berne, Indiana, is the third son of Ephraim Baumgartner, born September 25, 1879. Besides the public schools he has studied vocal music at Bluffton and Oberlin, Ohio, and is one of the accomplished leaders in choral and other vocal music in Berne. He was married, August 20, 1918, to Rose M. Lehman who is one of Berne's most accomplished instrumental musicians. She has for many years served the Berne Mennonite Church as accompanist, both on the pipe organ and on the piano. Mr. and Mrs. Baumgartner operate a first class restaurant in Berne. They have no children.
- V. Cora Amelia Baumgartner was born April 25, 1881. She died at the bloom of young woman-

hood, August 29, 1897. She was a member and a steady attendant of the Berne Mennonite Church. She was very fond of reading, having made the record of reading 25 books from the church library.

VI. Amanda Salome Baumgartner, born July 2, 1883, joined the church of her family, the Berne Mennonite Church, in early youth and was married, May 2, 1905, to Oscar Steiner of Berne, Indiana, by their pastor, Rev. J. W. Kliewer. Oscar was born north of Berne, May 29, 1880. He lives on a farm northwest of Berne. Nine children blessed this family, as follows, and are members of the parents' church.

#### FIFTH GENERATION

1. Carlton Clyde Steiner, born at Berne, Indiana, May 19, 1906, is employed in a hatchery at Berne.
2. Perl Luther Steiner, Sebewaing, Michigan, born December 13, 1907 near Lima, Ohio. Is employed in a hatchery. Married to Sadie Wilburn of Pigeon, Michigan, October 14, 1934. One child:
  - 1) Donna Elaine Steiner, born November 20, 1936.

#### FIFTH GENERATION CONTINUED

3. Luella Magdalena Steiner, Berne, Indiana, born January 19, 1910, at Lima, Ohio. Is doing house work. Single.
4. Emmett Lavear Steiner, Farmland, Indiana, born August 8, 1911, at Berne, Indiana, was

married to Christene Pegg of Winchester, Indiana, June 11, 1933, by Rev. Teeter. Two children were born to them:

#### SIXTH GENERATION

- 1) Beverly Joan Steiner, born December 21, 1933.
- 2) Patricia Sue Steiner, born September 9, 1935.

#### FIFTH GENERATION CONTINUED

5. Clarence Samuel Steiner, born September 8, 1914 at Berne, Indiana, works at Berne. Married to Evangeline Nussbaum, August 29, 1937. She was born November 13, 1918.
6. Melva Elizabeth Steiner, born May 2, 1918, Berne, Indiana, died May 12, 1918.
7. Esther Christene Steiner, born August 17, 1919.
8. Weldon Arvine Steiner, born September 15, 1921.
9. Verna Gene Steiner, born May 7, 1924.

#### FOURTH GENERATION

##### **Eph. Baumgartner Family Concluded**

VII. Lenora May Baumgartner, was born 1885, died.

VIII. Lillie Ora Baumgartner, Geneva, Indiana, born September 15, 1887, was married to Eli Habegger, September 20, 1911 by Rev. S. F. Sprunger, pastor of the Mennonite Church, Berne, Indiana of which the couple were members. They live on a farm near Geneva, Indiana. They have no children.

IX. Orva Milton Baumgartner, youngest child of Ephraim Baumgartner, was born April 2, 1889, died the same day.

### THIRD GENERATION

#### SECTION X. BRANCH D

#### John M. Gerber, Sr., Descendants Continued

Marie Gerber, seventh daughter of John M. Gerber, Sr., was born March 31, 1850, baptized April 10, 1868 by Rev. C. Sommer, Sonnenberg Church. She died September 25, 1910. She was married to Christian Schwartz, March 14, 1871. They lived on the farm now occupied by a descendant, John Steiner, Jr. about  $\frac{3}{4}$  mile northwest of Sonnenberg Station, two miles southwest of Dalton. They had twelve children.



Seven Daughters of Mr. and Mrs. Chris Schwartz, Dalton,  
Ohio.  
Marietta, Susan, Lydia, Sarah, Rachel, Catherine, Clara.

## FOURTH GENERATION

### C. Schwartz Family

- I. Rachel Schwartz was born December 27, 1871 and died November 21, 1933. She was married to John P. Reigle, Gobles, Michigan, October 11, 1896 by Rev. Valkenburg. Mr. Reigle was born at New Palestine, Missouri, June 30, 1871. Merchant. They are Protestants. Six children were born to this union, viz:

## FIFTH GENERATION

1. Amelia Reigle was born March 19, 1898. Protestant. She was married to Gilbert Odell, Gobles, Michigan, at the Baptist Church by Rev. Charles A. Lemon. Mr. Odell was born August 4, 1896, Kendall, Michigan. Occupation, railroad lever man. One child was born to this couple.

## SIXTH GENERATION

- 1) Alice Jean Odell, born September 27, 1924.  
Fifth Generation (Continued)
2. June Reigle, Luaton, Michigan, was born June 12, 1900. Protestant. She was married to Mr. Marvin Root by Rev. Lemon. One child was born to them, viz:

## SIXTH GENERATION

- 1) David Root, born November 26, 1929.

## FIFTH GENERATION CONTINUED

3. Orrville Reigle, Gobles, Michigan, born January 17, 1902, was married to Gertrude Wagner, September 6, 1922, by Morton D. Canel,

Gobles, Michigan. Gertrude was born February 24, 1902 at Chicago, Illinois. Mr. Reigle's occupation is clerking. They are Protestants. One child was born to this couple:

#### SIXTH GENERATION

- 1) Marilyn Reigle, born May 6, 1926.

#### FIFTH GENERATION CONTINUED

4. Violet Reigle, Kalamazoo, Michigan, 329 N. Rose, was born November 10, 1905. Protestant. She was married to Neil Holtzer, January 24, 1928, by Rev. Hayes, Kendall, Michigan. Neil was born September 24, 1905, Kalamazoo, Michigan. Occupation, electric and sign builder.
5. Treva Reigle, Meuths, Michigan, born July 13, 1907, was married to Fred Morrison, September 7, 1929 by Rev. Hayes, Kendall, Michigan. Protestant. One child was born to them:

#### SIXTH GENERATION

- 1) Eugene Charles Morrison, born August 3, 1935.

#### FIFTH GENERATION CONTINUED

6. Lola Reigle, Gobles, Michigan, was born April 15, 1909. Protestant. She was married to E. Bargo, May 29, 1935, at South Bend, Indiana, by Justice of Peace, J. Miller. He was born September 29, 1905, at Aurora, Illinois.

#### SIXTH GENERATION

- 1) John Edward, born October 25, 1930.

## FOURTH GENERATION

### C. Schwartz Family Continued

- II. Adam Schwartz, born July 5, 1873, died September 1, 1908.
- III. John Schwartz, born June 22, 1875, not married.
- IV. Lydia Schwartz, Beaver Dam, Ohio, born February 13, 1877, near Orrville, Ohio, and died January 18, 1937. Married to Louis Reigle, Beav-dam, Ohio, by Rev. L. L. Woodruff, September 19, 1903. Louis was born December 12, 1869 Arlington, Ohio. They are Methodists. Two children were born to them:

## FIFTH GENERATION

- 1. Clara Agnes Reigle, born September 3, 1904, died January 12, 1905.
- 2. Marvin Lewis Reigle, Columbus Grove, Ohio, born March 15, 1907, was married to Edna Faye Herman, June 10, 1930 by Neal Lora, Lima, Ohio. Edna was born October 30, 1911 at Leipsig, Ohio. He is a plater. Two children were born to this union:

## SIXTH GENERATION

- 1) Marvin Lewis Reigle, born May 10, 1931, at Columbus Grove, Ohio.
- 2) Robert Duane Reigle, born September 12, 1932 at Columbus Grove, Ohio.

## FOURTH GENERATION

### C. Schwartz Family Continued

- V. Katherine Schwartz, born April 3, 1879, was married to Albert D. Moser, March 24, 1906 by

Rev. H. D. Allen, Wooster, Ohio. Mr. Moser is an engineer for many years on the W. & L. E. Railroad. His present residence is Brewster, O. They are Reformed. Four children were born to this couple:

#### FIFTH GENERATION

- 1 Odessa C. Moser, born October 11, 1907, lives at Brewster, Ohio. She belongs to the Reformed Church. Born at Dillionvale, Ohio.
2. Carroll F. Moser, born December 18, 1908, married Estella M. Gould of Moundsville, W. Virginia, by Rev. Palmer, December 8, 1936. Estella was born September 1, 1905, Moundsville, W. Virginia.
3. Stanley L. Moser, born August 24, 1910.
4. Alberta I. Moser, born November 22, 1912, at Moscow, Ohio. Reformed.

#### FOURTH GENERATION CONTINUED

VI. Simon S. Schwartz, R. 1, Dalton, Ohio, born February 23, 1881, was married to Annie Moser, October 15, 1908 at Wooster, Ohio. Annie was born June 2, 1885. Mr. Schwartz for many years worked in a factory at Orrville, but of late lives in a house on the Clyde Bixler farm, southwest of Dalton. General laborer. Four children were born.

#### FIFTH GENERATION

1. Howard Schwartz, born October 12, 1907, died February 20, 1920.
2. Raymond Schwartz, born May 23, 1912.
3. Edith Schwartz, born July 18, 1919.
4. Edison Schwartz, born September 9, 1924.

## FOURTH GENERATION

VII. Susan Schwartz, Smithville, Ohio, born February 4, 1884, was married to David B. Kurtz, Amish Mennonite, March 9, 1902 by H. H. Bachman, Marshalville, Ohio. Eight children were born to them.

## FIFTH GENERATION

1. Evelyn Kurtz, Rittman, Ohio, born May 8, 1903, near Orrville, Ohio, married to W. J. Grant, September 24, 1927 by Rev. Yoder. Grant was born May 30, 1899. United Presbyterian. Occupation, Mechanical Engineer. Two children:

## SIXTH GENERATION

- 1) Richard E. Grant, born April 10, 1929.
- 2) Margaret Lou Grant, born March 30, 1932.

## FIFTH GENERATION CONTINUED

2. Roy W. Kurtz, Phoenix, Arizona, born December 19, 1904 near Wooster, Ohio. Occupation, testing tires. Methodist.
3. Bessie A. Kurtz, Smithville, Ohio, born August 16, 1907, at Orrville, Ohio, married to Dayton Heiks, September 2, 1933, by Rev. Elliott, Methodist, at Dalton, Ohio. Dayton was born December 8, 1897. Laborer in saw mill. Two children were born to them:

## SIXTH GENERATION

- 1) Jean Louis Heiks, born May 3, 1930. Canton, Ohio.
- 2) Donna Mae Heiks, born July 19, 1937.

## FIFTH GENERATION CONTINUED

4. William D. Kurtz, Los Angeles, California, 133½ Camulas St., born June 2, 1909 near Smithville, Ohio, married to Ruth Hitch. Mr. Kurtz works for Goodrich Rubber Tire Co.

## SIXTH GENERATION

- 1) Billy Eugene, Roy. Born July 28, 1937.

## FIFTH GENERATION CONTINUED

5. Gordon W. Kurtz, Rittman, Ohio, born July 10, 1911 near Orrville, Ohio, married to Grace Treadway, January 9, 1937. Occupation, Boxboard Co. One child.

## SIXTH GENERATION

- 1) Wanda Marie, born October 20, 1937. Died at birth.

## FIFTH GENERATION CONTINUED

6. Edwin F. Kurtz, Smithville, Ohio, born January 6, 1914, at Akron, Ohio.
7. Paul E. Kurtz, Smithville, Ohio, born March 29, 1918.
8. Mary L. Kurtz, born Smithville, Ohio, July 14, 1920.
9. Infant died, February 25, 1922.

## FOURTH GENERATION

### C. Schwartz Family Continued

VIII. David Schwartz, Dalton, Ohio, born September 19, 1885, was married to Olive Moser, January 8, 1916, by Rev. E. E. Young, Wooster, Ohio. David is a general laborer; Olive,

daughter of John A. Moser, was born December 8, 1890, south of Dalton, Ohio. One child was born to them.

#### **FIFTH GENERATION**

1. Donald Francis Schwartz, born January 12, 1919, at Massillon, Ohio.

#### **FOURTH GENERATION**

IX. Sarah Schwartz, Wooster, Ohio, R. 2, born June 17, 1887, was married to Elmer Fetter, by Rev. E. E. Young, June 22, 1915, of Wooster, Ohio. Elmer was born September 2, 1883. Two children were born to them.

#### **FIFTH GENERATION**

1. Ruth Lucille Fetter, born July 31, 1917.
2. Doris Joella Fetter, born March 31, 1920

These are all members of the Brethren Church.

#### **FOURTH GENERATION**

##### **C. Schwartz Family Continued**

X. Joel Schwartz, Oberlin, Ohio, 238 W. Lorain, was born April 2, 1889. Joel was interested in education and music. In the great war he served in the thickest of fighting in the Argonne, France, as artillery man. Returning, he at once went to Oberlin to complete his education, first in business college where he served after graduation on the faculty or staff. In the meantime he spent his spare time in the conservatory, studying voice and he sang in all the choral organizations

of the conservatory. He was married at Oberlin to Doris Comstock, November 24, 1920, by Rev. Phil E. Harding. In religion, Joel subscribed to Christian Science. Doris was born September 12, 1881, Amherst, Ohio. On July 29, 1934 his many relatives and friends here, where he had grown up, were shocked by the news of his sudden death from indigestion. One sweet daughter shed sunshine into the happy life of this couple.

#### **FIFTH GENERATION**

1. Mary Louise Schwartz, born August 4, 1927.

#### **FOURTH GENERATION CONTINUED**

XI. Clara Schwartz was born January 13, 1891, and was married to Fred Farni, Dalton, Ohio, February 4, 1919. The couple lives on a farm just east of Dalton on the highway. Mr. Farni is engaged, besides farming, in trucking and of late he added a school bus to his busy time. Fred was born December 24, 1889, in Canton Bern, Switzerland. He came to America on November 6, 1911. They have two children.

#### **FIFTH GENERATION**

1. Ralph Farni, born August 7, 1920.
2. Richard Farni, born April 18, 1928.

#### **FOURTH GENERATION**

#### **C. Schwartz Family Concluded**

XII. Marietta Schwartz, Dalton, Ohio, youngest child of Christian Schwartz, was born May 9, 1892, and married to Louis Berg, October 22,

1910, by Rev. J. V. Findley, Dalton, Ohio. Mr. Berg died of heart failure January 7, 1930. Five children were born to them. Protestant.

#### FIFTH GENERATION

1. Russel Berg, born August 1, 1911, died July 22, 1913.
2. Sylvia M. Berg, born July 31, 1912, was married to Walter Ott, December 24, 1931. Mr. Ott is working for the township. Three children have been reported.

#### SIXTH GENERATION

- 1) Marjory Marie Ott, born August 27, 1932, Dalton, Ohio.
- 2) Walter Ott Jr., born December 20, 1935. Dalton, Ohio.
- 3) Mary Elizabeth, born January 31, 1938.

#### FIFTH GENERATION CONTINUED

3. Anna E. Berg, born November 10, 1913, is single and does domestic work.
4. Clarence M. Berg was born October 31, 1916. Farm laborer.
5. Robert Lewis Berg, born January 6, 1927.

#### THIRD GENERATION

#### SECTION XI. BRANCH D

#### **John M. Gerber, Sr., Descendants Continued**

Daniel M. Gerber, youngest son of John M. Gerber, Sr., was born March 15, 1852, on the pioneer Gerber homestead on Sonnenberg. He was baptized into membership of the Sonnenberg Church in his youth

and on September 27, 1875, was married to Dina Welty, daughter of another pioneer Sonnenberg family, the Welty's. Rev. C. Sommer officiated at the wedding. Dina was born August 20, 1856. The couple occupied the pioneer farm until Daniel's death, November 23, 1919, when a son, Rufus, followed in his footsteps and still operates the farm. Mother Gerber is still living with her son's family. The following children were the issue of Father Daniel:

#### **FOURTH GENERATION**

##### **Daniel M. Gerber Family**

- I. Amos Gerber, oldest son of Daniel, was born July 30, 1876. He was baptized into Sonnenberg Church membership, April 12, 1895, by Rev. Jacob Nussbaum. He was married to Olive Sommer by Rev. Paul Aeschliman, near Colfax, Washington, May 12, 1907. She was born in Oregon, October 13, 1882, and died July 14, 1919. Amos Gerber is still farming near Colfax, Washington.

When Amos was 21 years old, i. e., in the spring of 1898, he left his parental home for the West. Stopping first in Putman County, this state, he worked there for the summer. In the fall of that year he and five of his friends started west, going as far as Nampa, Idaho, where they camped among the Indians. Next spring they continued their trek westward into Eastern Washington where Mr. Gerber took up government land, 160 acres. He later sold this and went on to Colfax where he purchased 275 acres of good wheat land where he stayed ever since,

becoming one of the prosperous wheat farmers of that famous wheat belt. Amos has three children, two of them living.

#### **FIFTH GENERATION**

1. Arvilla Gerber, oldest daughter of Amos Gerber, was born near Colfax, Washington, April 19, 1908. She died September 14, of the same year.
2. Clarence Gerber was born November 28, 1911, at Colfax, Washington. He works in an airplane factory at San Diego, California.
3. Juanita Gerber was born May 12, 1917. She is studying music at Scherwood Music School, Chicago, Illinois.

#### **FOURTH GENERATION CONTINUED**

- II. Adam Gerber, born September 18, 1877, died January 5, 1890, in his boyhood days of pneumonia.
- III. Levina Gerber, oldest daughter of Daniel M. Gerber, was born May 10, 1879. She was married to David J. Hofstetter, June 8, 1901 by Rev. Jacob Nussbaum. David was born June 27, 1875. The family acquired the old Johannes Tschantz farm on the Sonnenberg Road, northeast of Kidron. An energetic set of boys of his own have been helping him in the arduous job of successful farming. They are members of the Mennonite Church, as also all the children. Following are the children born to this family:

#### **FIFTH GENERATION**

1. Adam Hofstetter, born May 10, 1902. Died as an infant.

2. Sylvan Hofstetter, Apple Creek, Ohio, R. 1, was born November 25, 1903. He was married, February 10, 1929, to Martha Nussbaum of the Jacob J. Nussbaum family, long resident northwest of Kidron. Their pastor, Rev. C. N. Amstutz of the Sonnenberg Church, officiated at the wedding. Mr. Hofstetter is a very efficient truck driver, hauling milk from Wooster to Cleveland since a number of years. He recently traded his home with David Nussbaum's farm west of Kidron and is now farming. They have two children:

#### SIXTH GENERATION

- 1) Corinne Mae Hofstetter, born May 25, 1930.
- 2) Marjorie Eileen Hofstetter, born March 24, 1937.

#### FIFTH GENERATION CONTINUED

3. Clyde Hofstetter, Wooster, Ohio, born October 16, 1905, is another milk driver between Wooster and Cleveland.
4. Erna Hofstetter, born May 22, 1907, died as an infant.
5. Cora Hofstetter, born October 24, 1908, is at home helping her mother in domestic work.
6. Lores Hofstetter, born April 15, 1910, is hiring out as laborer hand. Married to Laura Nussbaum June 19, 1938, by Rev. Allen Bixler.
7. Willis Hofstetter, born February 11, 1912, is day laborer.
8. Clair Hofstetter, born October 30, 1913, is his

father's main stay on the farm. He trucks milk to Wooster beside his farm work.

9. Hulda Hofstetter, born December 10, 1914, died January 1, 1915.
10. Diana Hofstetter, born February 20, 1916, died as an infant.
11. Herman Hofstetter, born January 14, 1919, was an invalid and died February 26, 1931, of pneumonia.

## **FOURTH GENERATION**

### **Dan Gerber Family Continued**

- IV. Rufus Gerber, second living son of Daniel M. Gerber, was born July 16, 1882. He was married to Lizzie E. Zuercher, November 14, 1912, by their pastor, Rev. J. Nussbaum, of the Sonnenberg Church. Lizzie was born February 4, 1892. Rufus operates the pioneer farm of the Michael Gerber relation. They are members of the Kid-dron Mennonite Church. Three children have been born into this family, viz:

## **FIFTH GENERATION**

1. Lester R. Gerber, born August 22, 1913, baptized by Rev. O. N. Johns April 5, 1931. Married to Esther Baumgartner August 23, 1936, by Rev. C. H. Suckau of Berne Mennonite Church. Lester is farming the Baumgartner homestead near Berne, Indiana. Two daughters have been born to the union:

## **SIXTH GENERATION**

- 1) Marjorie Fay Gerber. Born May 16, 1937.
- 2) Edith Annette Gerber, born July 6, 1938.

## FIFTH GENERATION

2. Olive R. Gerber, born October 16, 1914, was baptized, April 5, 1931. Member of the Mennonite Church, married to Gilbert Nussbaum October 18, 1936, by Rev. O. N. Johns. Gilbert born July 3, 1914, Apple Creek, Ohio.

## SIXTH GENERATION

- 1) One child, James Nevin Nussbaum, August 24, 1937.

## FIFTH GENERATION CONTINUED

3. Dwight R. Gerber, born May 23, 1918, is a member of the Mennonite Church.

## FOURTH GENERATION

### Dan M. Gerber Family Continued

V. Philip Gerber, Dalton, Ohio, born April 27, 1886, and was married to Pauline Amstutz December 3, 1908, at Sonnenberg Church, by Rev. Jacob Nussbaum. Pauline was born September 13, 1887, daughter of Ben Amstutz, they are farmers. The following are the fruits of this union.

## FIFTH GENERATION

1. Luella Gerber, Apple Creek, Ohio, born January 3, 1908, was married to Lester Lehman, son of David P. Lehman, south of Kidron, February 17, 1929, by Rev. C. N. Amstutz. He was born June 3, 1908. Lester sells farm machinery. Two children have been born to the couple.

## SIXTH GENERATION

- 1) Betty Jean Lehman, born November 19, 1929.

2) Kathleen Mae Lehman, born May 21, 1932.

#### **FIFTH GENERATION CONTINUED**

2. Elma Gerber, born February 21, 1912, married to Vilas Zuercher.

#### **SIXTH GENERATION**

1) Catherine Marie, born March 4, 1938.

#### **FIFTH GENERATION**

3. Rhoda Gerber, born May 10, 1915. Married to George Nussbaum, May 21, 1937, by Rev. W. G. Detweiler of Canton, O., Mennonite Mission.

#### **SIXTH GENERATION**

1) Mary Louise Nussbaum, born July 26, 1938.

#### **FIFTH GENERATION**

4. Anna Gerber, born November 18, 1919.

The last three form a trio of radio singers, also at sacred and social gatherings. They are members of the Mennonite Church.

#### **FOURTH GENERATION**

#### **Dan Gerber Family Continued**

VI. Hulda Gerber, second daughter of Dan M. Gerber was born May 5, 1890, and was married, June 29, 1919, as second wife to John C. Hofstetter of this settlement, by Rev. C. N. Amstutz, of the Sonnenberg Mennonite Church. John was born September 1, 1881. Address, Dalton, Ohio, R. 1. Three children were born to them:

#### **FIFTH GENERATION**

1. Chester Oliver Hofstetter, born April 2, 1921, died of spinal trouble, February 14, 1922.
2. Laverne Monroe Hofstetter, born January 9, 1923.

3. Wilford John Hofstetter, born November 30, 1930.

### **FOURTH GENERATION CONTINUED**

VII. Anna Gerber, Orrville, Ohio, born October 24, 1891, was married to Edwin Zuercher, September 7, 1919, by Bishop C. N. Amstutz, Mennonite Church. Edwin was born south of Orrville, December 26, 1891. They have had three children.

### **FIFTH GENERATION**

1. Dorothy E. Zuercher, born April 17, 1920.
2. Verna I. Zuercher, born January 26, 1923.
3. Clarence Zuercher, born February 19, 1926, died the same day.

### **FOURTH GENERATION CONTINUED**

VIII. Elbert Gerber, born August 25, 1894, is a mental deficient and is at home with his mother and brother.

IX. Edna Gerber, born June 12, 1897, is at home with her mother and brother, being physically crippled. She was baptized April 10, 1914.

### **THIRD GENERATION**

#### **SECTION XII. BRANCH D**

##### **John M. Gerber, Sr., Descendants Concluded**

Regina Gerber, twelfth and last issue of John M. Gerber, Sr., was born May 23, 1854. She was a member of the Sonnenberg Mennonite Church and was married to Edward Chatelain, September 15, 1881, by Rev. John Moser. One child was born to this union.

## FOURTH GENERATION

1. Lee Chatelain, born June 4, 1882. Regina died July 4, 1883, and was buried at the Sonnenberg Cemetery. Edward married the second time to Rebecca Gerber (see under Branch A, Section II, under Peter Hofstetter descendants). After Edward was married again they moved to Harper, Kansas. Lee was the only child from the first marriage, and is unmarried. He is farming near Fowler, Kansas.

## SECOND GENERATION

### BRANCH E

#### Ulrich Gerber

Ulrich L. Gerber, the second son and fifth (youngest) offspring of Deacon Michael Gerber, was born in Switzerland, October 8, 1809, and emigrated with his father as a twelve year old boy to the young Sonnenberg settlement here. On November 5, 1836, he was married to Anna Lehman, daughter of a Sonnenberg pioneer, by Elder Peter Schneck. His father settled him on the east half of his quarter section, what later became known as the Abraham Gerber Farm, this Abraham being Ulrich's youngest son, and which is now occupied by Abraham's son-in-law, Adam Hofstetter. Ulrich died May 9, 1874, aged 64 years, 7 months and 1 day. His farm became known as a place for good fruit, especially cherries known as "haerz" or "Zoll Kirshy" (heart or inch cherries). They were said to have originated in England. Mother Gerber's death is not recorded. Eight children were the fruits of this union: Maria, Anna,

Isaac, Catharina, Jacob, Elizabeth, Magdalena and Abraham.

## THIRD GENERATION

### SECTION I. BRANCH E

Maria Gerber, born November 12, 1837, died in infancy.

### SECTION II. BRANCH E

#### Peter Welty Family

Anna Gerber, second daughter of Ulrich Gerber, was born May 19, 1839. She became a member of the Sonnenberg Church and was married to Peter Welty, September 28, 1861, by U. Sommer. Peter was born February 17, 1839, near Mt. Eaton, Ohio. They lived on a farm south of Kidron now occupied by his son Reuben. Peter died July 16, 1918, and his wife, December 12, 1918, both aged past 80 years. This union was blessed with seven children, as follows: Benjamin, John, William, Rosa (Mrs. Dan Bixler), Daniel, Sarah, and Reuben Welty.

## FOURTH GENERATION

- I. Benjamin Welty was born July 7, 1862, and was married to Maryann D. Baumgartner, daughter of David Baumgartner, December 10, 1885, by Jacob Nussbaum of the Sonnenberg Church. She was born December 9, 1863. One child (see below) was born to this union. Mrs. Welty died January 15, 1896.

Mr. Welty was married to his second wife, Lena Gerber, daughter of Christian Gerber, [son of John

M. Gerber, Sr., (see under Christian M. Gerber)]. No children were born to this union.

#### FIFTH GENERATION

1. David Nelson Welty, R. 1, Apple Creek, Ohio, only son of Benjamin Welty, was born November 26, 1891. He is a farmer. He was married to Susan Gerber, oldest daughter of Jacob M. Gerber, November 26, 1916, by C. N. Amstutz, pastor of the Sonnenberg Church. She was born April 25, 1896. They live a mile south of Kidron. Two children were born to this couple.

#### SIXTH GENERATION

- 1) Denver Lee Welty, born December 20, 1922.
- 2) Edith Mardel Welty, born January 28, 1936.

#### FOURTH GENERATION CONTINUED

##### Peter Welty Family Continued

- II. John Welty was born March 16, 1867, and married to Anna Bixler, daughter of Daniel Bixler, December 31, 1893, by Rev. Jacob Nussbaum of the Sonnenberg Church. She was born December 9, 1863, and died February 22, 1933, age 69 years, 1 month and 23 days. No children were born to this union. John lives with David Mosers at present.
- III. William Welty, third son of Peter Welty was born February 15, 1870, and died a youth of 18 years, September 15, 1888.
- IV. Rose Welty, daughter of Peter Welty, was born

November 28, 1872. She was married to Daniel D. Bixler, son of David Bixler, January 5, 1901, by Rev. Jacob Nussbaum. The couple lives near Wadsworth, Ohio, on a farm. He now belongs to a Mennonite Church in Medina County, Ohio. Daniel was born June 4, 1872, near Dalton, Ohio. Five children were born to them.

## FIFTH GENERATION

### **Daniel Bixler Family**

1. Orlo Bixler, Wadsworth, Ohio, son of Daniel Bixler, was born April 25, 1902. He is a graduate from the Wadsworth High School, in 1922. He holds Mennonite Church membership.
2. Aldis Bixler, born November 23, 1903, died April 17, 1904.
3. Dora Bixler, Barberton, Ohio, 307 Wunderlich Ave., born February 14, 1906, near Apple Creek, Ohio. Is a graduate of High School and married to Veril K. Gume of Rib Lake, Wisconsin, May 29, 1936, by Rev. B. S. Arnold of Barberton, Ohio. Veril was born December 15, 1907. They are Methodists.
4. Wilson Bixler, born December 2, 1907, died February 15, 1908.
5. Milo Bixler, born August 16, 1911, a high school graduate, is employed on the farm. All the children living subscribe to the Mennonite Church.

## FOURTH GENERATION

- V. Daniel Welty, Apple Creek, Ohio, R. 1, born

August 16, 1875, was married to Mary Zaugg, January 2, 1902, by Bishop Jacob Nussbaum, the couple then being members of the Sonnenberg Church. Mary was born April 5, 1881, in Canton Bern, Switzerland. About fifteen years ago they transferred their membership to Salem Church of which the family are members since. They have a pretty farm home a mile south of Kidron where Mrs. Welty specializes in raising a profusion of beautiful flowers. Five children have gladdened their home, viz:

#### FIFTH GENERATION

##### **Daniel Welty Family**

1. Arvine Welty, Berne, Indiana, born October 7, 1902, was married to Martha C. Neuenschwander, Berne, Indiana, September 2, 1928, by Rev. Andrew Neuenschwander, Berne, Indiana. The couple are members of the Berne Mennonite Church. Arvine is a skilled buyer of live stock at Berne for a shipping firm. Martha was born May 12, 1904. Two children have been born to them.

#### SIXTH GENERATION

- 1) Lewis Daniel Welty, born April 8, 1931, died May 9, 1935.
- 2) Ruth Ann Welty, born October 20, 1933.

#### FIFTH GENERATION CONTINUED

2. Elta Welty, oldest daughter of Dan Welty, was born February 19, 1905, married to Clinton Habegger, of Berne, Indiana, May 30, 1936, by Rev. A. R. Keiser, reside in Berne.

Clinton was born February 11, 1899, at Berne, Indiana.

3. Ruth M. Welty, born January 2, 1907, was married to Arnold Raber, August 15, 1932, by Rev. A. R. Keiser. Mr. Reber is a carpenter, born April 15, 1904. They are members of Salem Church. Two children have been born to them, viz:

#### **SIXTH GENERATION**

- 1) Richard Arnold Raber, born and died March 11, 1933.
- 2) Harold Dean Raber, born August 2, 1934, at Massillon City Hospital.

#### **FIFTH GENERATION CONTINUED**

4. Esther I. Welty, Massillon, Ohio, was born March 14, 1909, and married to Harry Rine, June 20, 1931, by Rev. A. R. Keiser.
5. Sylvia Welty, was born December 17, 1915. She was married to Homer Hostetler of Benton, Ohio, by Rev. Curtis Wise, June 20, 1937. Homer was born April 12, 1912.

#### **SIXTH GENERATION**

- 1) One child, Gary Lee, born March 9, 1938. The family are members of the Salem Mennonite Church.

#### **FOURTH GENERATION CONTINUED**

- VI. Sarah Welty, second daughter of Peter Welty, was born December 18, 1878. She was never married but lived south of Kidron with her

brothers Reuben and Benjamin till her death, September 10, 1935.

VII. Reuben Welty, youngest son of Peter Welty was born December 8, 1880. He was never married, worked his fathers farm.

## THIRD GENERATION

### SECTION III. BRANCH E

#### **Ulrich L. Gerber, Descendants Continued**

Isaac Gerber, first son of Ulrich Gerber, was born February 2, 1841, and baptized into the membership of the Sonnenberg Church, April 22, 1859. He was married to Magdalena Welty, a daughter of a Sonnenberg pioneer, March 25, 1862, by Bishop U. Sommer. Isaac died February 22, 1873, and his wife, November 22, 1896. Three children were born to them.

## FOURTH GENERATION

### **Isaac Gerber Family**

I. Anna Gerber, daughter of Isaac Gerber, was born March 25, 1863, and married to Joel Hofstetter in January, 1885. She died after the birth of her only child. Joel died in 1895, April 7.

## FIFTH GENERATION

1. Andrew Hofstetter, born February 8, 1886, was married to Dinah Amstutz, daughter of Daniel Amstutz, December 8, 1907. Dinah was born March 27, 1886. The family lives at Wooster, Ohio, where Mr. Hofstetter is employed at the Experiment Station. One daughter was born to them.

## SIXTH GENERATION

- 1) Ruth Hofstetter, only daughter of Andrew Hofstetter, was born January 30, 1909. She was married to Leonard Hines, July 5, 1933, West Salem, Ohio, by Rev. R. E. Smith. Mr. Hines is a farmer.

## FOURTH GENERATION

### I. Gerber Family Continued

- II. Barbara M. Gerber, Canton, Ohio, was born January 1, 1865, and married to William H. Tschantz, February 25, 1890, by Rev. Jacob Nussbaum, Sonnenberg. Mr. Tschantz was born November 29, 1863, on a farm two miles south of Orrville, the son of Peter and Anna (Hofstetter) Tschantz.

### Wm. H. Tschantz Family

Mr. Tschantz and his brother David were both born mechanics. From their early youth they experimented with machinery in a shop they rigged up at their parental home. Sometime after his maturity Will established a machine shop on West Market in Orrville which in course of a few years was developed into a plant for the manufacture of the celebrated Cyclone Drill, an invention of Will's own. After fifteen years the ownership of the plant, having in the meantime been organized into a chartered stock company, of which Will was manager, the manufacture of the valuable invention passed into the hands of a bigger corporation elsewhere and Will moved to Canton where he joined his brother David, who had been operating a similar plant,

first devoted to the manufacture of buggies and since changed to a repair garage of automobile repairing and of late years into designing and manufacture of electrical appliances, since several years entirely under Will's own management. Will and his wife have identified themselves with a church of Canton. The following children have come into their family.

#### FIFTH GENERATION

1. Anna Dora Tschantz, born December 6, 1890, and died in her tender childhood, October, 1895.
2. Josephine Ellen Tschantz, Canton, Ohio, R. D. 3, born June 23, 1892, was married to Harvey E. Wirth, March 13, 1915, by S. P. Preheim. Harvey was born June 23, 1890, Orrville, O. They are Mennonites. Their children are:—

#### SIXTH GENERATION

- 1) Arlene Mary Wirth, born December 15, 1915, Canton, Ohio.
- 2) Melvin Wirth, born October 23, 1920, Canton, Ohio.
- 3) Mildred B. Wirth, born March 26, 1926, Canton, Ohio.

#### FIFTH GENERATION CONTINUED

3. Ira Millard Tschantz, Canton, Ohio, 939 Maryland Ave., S. W., oldest son of Wm. H. Tschantz, Canton, Ohio, was born September 6, 1894, at Sonnenberg, and married to Nellie V. Horton. Nellie was born at Mojave, California, October 25, 1898. He is a machinist and a

member of a Nazarene congregation. Three children were born to them.

#### SIXTH GENERATION

- 1) Warren D. Tschantz, born May 25, 1921, Canton, Ohio.
- 2) Wadene E. Tschantz, born October 26, 1924, Canton, Ohio.
- 3) Sharlyn Ann Tschantz, born December 29, 1930, Canton, Ohio.

#### FIFTH GENERATION CONTINUED

4. Martin Luther Tschantz, Canton, Ohio, 1311 Roslyn Ave., S. W., second son of Wm. H. Tschantz, Canton, Ohio, was born November 30, 1895, at Sonnenberg, Ohio, and married to Mildred G. Doney, June 16, 1923, by Rev. J. L. Wilson. Mildred was born August 10, 1902, Canton, Ohio. Martin is a bookkeeper at his father's office. They are members of a Nazarene congregation. They have two children.

#### SIXTH GENERATION

- 1) Martin Luther Tschantz, Jr., born January 20, 1924, Canton, Ohio.
- 2) William H. Tschantz Jr., born June 5, 1930. Canton, Ohio.

#### FIFTH GENERATION CONTINUED

5. Esther Elizabeth Tschantz, Canton, Ohio, 1150 Roslyn Ave., S. W., born June 14, 1898, near Orrville, Ohio, was married to Ira Sprunger, December 25, 1920, by Rev. Record. Ira is a shipping clerk in his father-in-law's estab-

lishment, Canton, Ohio. Two children have joined them in making sunshine in their home. They are Congregational.

#### SIXTH GENERATION

- 1) Frances L. Sprunger, born February 28, 1922, Canton, Ohio.
- 2) Doris M. Sprunger, born May 26, 1927, Canton, Ohio.

#### FIFTH GENERATION CONTINUED

6. Lillian May Tschantz, Canton, Ohio, 633 Roslyn Ave., S. W., born August 20, 1901, near Orrville, Ohio, was married to Wm. S. Horton, electrician. One child enlivens their home. They are Congregational.

#### SIXTH GENERATION

- 1) Norman Gene Horton, born May 20, 1927.

#### FIFTH GENERATION CONTINUED

7. Raymond Davis Tschantz, Canton, Ohio, 1239 Park Ave., S. W., born May 7, 1905, near Orrville, Ohio, was married to Rosa Rindchen of Canton, Ohio, September 21, 1929, by Rev. C. F. Forrey, Canton, Ohio. He is a machinist. Two children are reported of that union.

#### SIXTH GENERATION

- 1) Gerald R. Tschantz, born July 4, 1932.
- 2) Grayden W. Tschantz, born February 24, 1935.

#### FOURTH GENERATION

##### **Isaac Gerber Family Continued**

- III. William I. Gerber, only son of Isaac Gerber, was

born on the farm he owned about midway between Dalton and Mt. Eaton, April 29, 1867. He was married to Sarah Bixler, daughter of Daniel Bixler, Sr., December 15, 1891, by Rev. Jacob Nussbaum of the Sonnenberg Church. Sarah was born January 21, 1868. After his marriage he took possession of his father's farm and has since acquired considerable real estate. Sarah died November 1, 1936; she was a member of the Mennonite Church. Will died March 22, 1937. Nine children have been born into the family, as follows.

#### FIFTH GENERATION

##### **Wm. I. Gerber Family**

1. Esther Gerber, Dalton, Ohio, oldest daughter of Wm. I. Gerber, was born January 1, 1893, and married to Floyd R. Saurer, blacksmith of Kidron, December 30, 1915, by Rev. E. E. Young. Mr. Saurer was born May 17, 1892. They are members of the Reformed Church. Two children have been born to them.

#### SIXTH GENERATION

- 1) Floris Marie Saurer was born July 17, 1916. She is a member of the Mt. Eaton Reformed Church, like her parents, a graduate of Dalton High School, and married to Ed Sommer of Rittman, Ohio, November 21, 1936, by Rev. S. J. T. Flohr, Mt. Eaton, Ohio. One child was born to them:—

#### SEVENTH GENERATION

- (1) William Dale, born May 9, 1937.

## SIXTH GENERATION CONTINUED

- 2) Russel Floyd Saurer, was born May 3, 1918. He is a Senior in Dalton High School. He is a member of the Reformed Church, Mt. Eaton.

## FIFTH GENERATION CONTINUED

2. Clyde Wilson Gerber, Dalton, Ohio, oldest son of Wm. I. Gerber, was born July 27, 1894. He is farming. He was married to Erma Saurer, June 20, 1921, by Rev. Flohr of the Mt. Eaton Reformed Church. No children reported.
3. Melvin Milton was born August 8, 1896. He is a railroad engineer and lives at Massillon, Ohio. He was married to Mary Jane Smiley, March 5, 1931, by Rev. Herman C. Getter, Lutheran.
4. Millard Bryant Gerber, Massillon, Ohio, 965 Walnut Rd., S. W., was born May 22, 1898, is a steel worker. He was married May 22, 1926, to Florence Mary Kochender by Rev. J. E. Digel, St. John Evangelical Church, Massillon, Ohio. Florence was born July 13, 1902, Winesburg, Ohio. Two children have been born to them.

## SIXTH GENERATION

- 1) Betty Jean Gerber, born March 15, 1928.
- 2) Dorothy Marie Gerber, born July 20, 1931.

## FIFTH GENERATION CONTINUED

5. Dennis Calvin Gerber, Brewster, Ohio, was born March 1, 1900, and married to Mildred Charlton, November 24, 1927. He is storage

clerk for the W. & L. E. R. R. at Brewster. One child has come to this union.

#### SIXTH GENERATION

- 1) Robert E. Lee Gerber, born January 30, 1929.

#### FIFTH GENERATION CONTINUED

6. Grace Marie Gerber, Massillon, Ohio, was born November 20, 1901, and married to Ellis Kirchofer, August 14, 1928, by Rev. Thall of Albion, Michigan. They live in Massillon where Mr. Kirchofer is a salesman in a hardware store. They are members of Salem Mennonite Church. One child joined this union.

#### SIXTH GENERATION

- 1) William Ellis Kirchofer, born November 13, 1934.

#### FIFTH GENERATION CONTINUED

7. Lina A. Gerber, born May 3, 1904, lives in Los Angeles, California, a single life, being employed as a domestic worker.
8. Glen Roy Gerber, born March 21, 1906, married to Cora Franks of Wooster, Ohio, by Rev. DeLanter, 1937.
9. Lyman Critchfield Gerber, born March 18, 1908, who is the youngest son of Wm. I. Gerber.

#### THIRD GENERATION

#### SECTION IV. BRANCH E

#### **Ulrich L. Gerber, Descendants Continued**

Catharina Gerber, born March 18, 1842, died an infant.

## SECTION V. BRANCH E

Jacob Gerber, born December 12, 1843, died in childhood.

## SECTION VI. BRANCH E

Elizabeth Gerber, born February 23, 1846, baptized March 25, 1864, by C. Sommer, Sonnenberg Mennonite Church, was married to Abraham Hofstetter, November 23, 1871. Elizabeth died April 21, 1906. Mr. Hofstetter died December 2, 1872. One daughter was born to them.

### FOURTH GENERATION

I. Anna Hofstetter, only child of Abraham and Elizabeth (Gerber) Hofstetter, was born October 23, 1872, and married to Jacob A. Moser, August 10, 1893, by Rev. Jacob Nussbaum. The couple resided a number of years on the bride's parental farm southeast of Dalton, then sold it and moved to Orrville, Ohio, where Mr. Moser is since engaged in real estate and insurance business. They are members of a Methodist Church at Orrville. Mr. Moser was born March 4, 1872. The couple have two children.

### FIFTH GENERATION

#### **Jacob A. Moser Family**

1. Ellen Mae Moser, Orrville, Ohio, born July 2, 1894, was married to Wilbur S. Geiger, June 24, 1914, by Rev. R. Burris. Wilbur was born April 6, 1892. The couple are members of the Methodist Church at Orrville. Mr. Geiger is a successful Ford agent. Three children enliven their home.

## SIXTH GENERATION

- 1) Lois Catherine Geiger, born April 22, 1916.
- 2) Vincent Maurice Geiger, born December 3, 1917.
- 3) Robert Franklin Geiger, born January 29, 1919.

## FIFTH GENERATION CONTINUED

2. Victor H. Moser, born December 13, 19—, was married to Winifred Bryenton, July 17, 1920, by the bride's father Rev. W. H. Bryenton, Methodist minister. The couple's address is Ashtabula, Ohio, 1097 Walnut Blvd. Their two children are:

## SIXTH GENERATION

- 1) Vivian Mae Moser, born April 20, 1922.
- 2) Raymond Lee Moser, born October 23, 1924.

## THIRD GENERATION CONTINUED

### SECTION VII. BRANCH E

Magdalena Gerber, born January 1, 1848, died an infant.

## THIRD GENERATION

### SECTION VIII. BRANCH E

Ulrich L. Gerber, Descendants (Continued)

Abraham L. Gerber, last offspring of Ulrich Gerber, born June 12, 1849, was married to Barbara Moser, daughter of Abraham Moser, October 9, 1879, by Rev. C. Sommer of the Sonnenberg Mennonite

Church. Barbara was born August 15, 1858, south of Dalton. Abraham took his father's farm which he operated until, because of his age, he turned it over to his son-in-law, Adam J. Hofstetter, the present owner. Abraham died May 6, 1933, aged 83 years, 10 months and 24 days. Barbara died October 13, 1937. The following children were born to the family:

## FOURTH GENERATION

### Abraham L. Gerber Family

- I. Verena Gerber, born October 15, 1880, died March 16, 1897, of typhoid pneumonia.
- II. Simon A. Gerber, R. 1, Apple Creek, Ohio, was born August 18, 1882. On November 15, 1906, he married Fanny Amstutz, by Rev. Jacob Nussbaum at Sonnenberg Church. Fanny is daughter of Daniel Amstutz. She was born July 24, 1887. The couple own and operate the old Dan Amstuz homestead northwest of Kidron (address, R. 1, Apple Creek, Ohio). They are members of Salem Church. They have four children.

## FIFTH GENERATION

1. Victor Gerber, born November 13, 1907, received a high school education at Dalton, Ohio, and attended Bluffton College, majoring in music, for which he showed a natural inclination from childhood up. In instrumental music he is a proficient instructor, especially in violin, but also in piano and organ. His major talent is leadership of choirs. For several seasons past he led a considerable choir of singers in Handel's immortal oratorio, the Messiah. Vic-

tor was married to Gertrude Johnson, of Dalton, Ohio, July 22, 1934. Gertrude was born April 13, 1912. They are both members of Salem Mennonite Church.

#### SIXTH GENERATION

- 1) Homer Clemons, born April 23, 1936.
- 2) Priscilla Ann, born June 4, 1938.

#### FIFTH GENERATION CONTINUED

2. Corinne Gerber, born January 12, 1913, also musically inclined and quite proficient on the piano and organ. She also had one year in Bluffton College, chiefly in piano, and served the Salem Church commendably, especially on the organ, for a number of years. She was married, March 2, 1934, to Arthur Krehbiel of Lemon Grove, a village in the foothills of the Sierras in California. The wedding was solemnized by Rev. Dr. H. J. Krehbiel, father of the groom and one of the leading spirits of the General Conference of Mennonites in America. Arthur was born August 22, 1910, at Reedley, California. They are Mennonites. Two children have been born:

#### SIXTH GENERATION

- 1) Fanny Delores, died in infancy.
- 2) Arthur David, born September 2, 1936.
- 3) Lora Lee, born April 10, 1938.

#### FIFTH GENERATION CONTINUED

3. Murray Joy Gerber was born December 6, 1917. He is a graduate of Dalton High School and a good singer.

4. Richard Boyd Gerber, youngest son of Mr. and Mrs. Simon A. Gerber, was born March 22, 1926. He is attending Kidron Grade School and shows signs of becoming an accomplished musician.

## **FOURTH GENERATION**

### **Abraham Gerber Family Continued**

- III. Alice Gerber, oldest living daughter of Abraham Gerber, was born August 24, 1884. She lives with her sister on the home place. Alice lost her eyesight when she was in her teen age.
- IV. Martha Gerber, Dalton, Ohio, was born October 5, 1886, and married to Joel Zuercher, May 28, 1908, by Rev. Jacob Nussbaum of the Sonnenberg Mennonite Church. Formerly members of the Sonnenberg Mennonite Church, they transferred their membership several years ago to the Salem Church. Thirteen children have enlivened their home as follows:

## **FIFTH GENERATION**

1. George Lester Zuercher, born June 1, 1909, was married to Dorothy Wise, March 27, 1932, at Wheeling, West Virginia, by W. L. Lewis D.D. George works at the Experiment Station, Wooster, Ohio. Four children have been born to them.

## **SIXTH GENERATION**

- 1) Betty Jane Zuercher, born March 13, 1933.
- 2) Ann Marie Zuercher, born July 21, 1934.
- 3) Robert Zuercher) twins, born February
- 4) Roger Zuercher) 10, 1936.

## FIFTH GENERATION CONTINUED

2. Effie Marie Zuercher, born October 20, 1910, by profession a school teacher, was married to Jospeh F. Painter, Louisville, Ohio, by Rev. A. R. Keiser, Salem Mennonite Church, October 20, 1935. Mr. Painter is a printer by trade. He was born April 23, 1909, Canton, Ohio.

## SIXTH GENERATION

- 1) James Franklin, born September 1, 1936, died September 3.
- 2) Clair Jerome, born September 29, 1937.

## FIFTH GENERATION CONTINUED

3. Lloyd Ellis Zuercher, born March 11, 1912, Dalton, Ohio, works at the Experiment Station at Wooster, married to Florence M. Hasseman, January 29, 1937 by Rev. A. R. Keiser, Dalton, Ohio.
4. Sylvia Mae Zuercher, born November 9, 1913, attended the Massillon Commercial Institute.
5. Anna Katherine Zuercher, born October 4, 1914, was married to Ray Berger of Massillon, Ohio. They reside at Canton, Ohio, where Ray is employed.
6. Barbara Idella Zuercher, born October 25, 1915, is a teacher. She has studied at Kent Teachers' College.
7. Abraham Zuercher, born December 29, 1916, died the next day.
8. Irene Faith Zuercher, born July 8, 1918. She does house work.

9. Helen Alice Zuercher, born August 23, 1919.  
She is a high school student.
10. Odulla June Zuercher, born June 14, 1922.  
Also high school student.
11. Martha Jane Zuercher, born January 14, 1925.
12. Kenneth Laverne Zuercher, born March 21, 1926.
13. Joel Zuercher, Jr., born November 28, 1927,  
died the same day.

## **FOURTH GENERATION**

### **Abraham Gerber Family Continued**

V. Menno Gerber, R. 2, Orrville, Ohio, was born the second son of Abraham Gerber, September 26, 1889. As a farmer, he specializes in fruit, flower and shrub culture. His farm is located two miles northwest of Kidron. June 5, 1913, he was married to Anna Moser, by Rev. Jacob Nussbaum, daughter of Rev. Jacob Moser, Kidron. Anna was born May 8, 1891, is a member of the Mennonite Church. Six children are the fruits of this union, to wit:

## **FIFTH GENERATION**

1. Goldie Barbara Gerber, born March 25, 1914, is a member of the Mennonite Church. She attended Goshen College, Goshen, Indiana, and is employed as bookkeeper at the E. P. Gerber Lumber and Hardware Store.
2. Mabel Verena Gerber, born April 20, 1915. She is a member of the Salem Church. She was married to Hugo Wanner of Navarre, May 21, 1937, by Rev. A. R. Keiser. They

reside at Navarre, where Hugo is employed at Nickles Bakery. Hugo was born in Switzerland.

#### SIXTH GENERATION

- 1) Paul Victor, born March 2, 1938.

#### FIFTH GENERATION CONTINUED

3. Pauline Mae Gerber, born August 2, 1917, has attended Kent State Teacher's College, and is teaching.
4. Clarence Roy Gerber, born January 5, 1919. He helps his father on the farm.
5. Iona Annette Gerber, born January 9, 1924. She is a high school student.
6. Nola Victorine Gerber, born March 31, 1927, died October 28, 1936, of diphtheria.

#### FOURTH GENERATION CONTINUED

- VI. Adam Gerber, third son of Abraham Gerber, was born on May 7, 1892. He was married, August 17, 1929, to Mary Camp and is farming. Adam has enrolled, religiously, as a "Jehovah Witness."
- VII. Andrew Gerber, fourth son of Abraham Gerber, was born September 21, 1895. He was married to Della Beck. His wife died May, 1933. He is a painter by trade and by confession, a "Jehovah Witness." Four children have joined the family.

#### FIFTH GENERATION

1. Lloyd A. Gerber, born May 30, 1928.
2. Lester R. Gerber, born September 10, 1929.

3. Junior Gerber, born May 10, 1931.
4. Russel John Gerber, born April 25, 1933.

#### **FOURTH GENERATION**

VIII. Ida Gerber, R. 1, Dalton, Ohio, youngest child of Abraham Gerber, was born January 12, 1898. She was married to Adam J. Hofstetter, January 18, 1919, by Rev. E. E. Young of Wooster, Ohio. Adam was born January 18, 1888. He farms the Old Gerber home-  
stead and by trade is an accomplished mason. The family adheres to the "Jehovah Witness" Faith. Six children have been added to this family, viz:

#### **FIFTH GENERATION**

1. Birdene J. Hofstetter, born June 23, 1920.  
She is a high school student.
2. Leroy J. Hofstetter, born June 4, 1923. He is also a high school student.
3. Robert J. Hofstetter, born January 13, 1928.
4. Barbara Jean Hofstetter, born June 19, 1930.
5. Abraham Lee Hofstetter, born February 16, 1933.
6. Donald Joseph Hofstetter, born April 18, 1937.

## REUNION SONG

(Tune—My Jesus I Love Thee.)

As we are assembled,  
With joy we will sing  
Of blessings, unnumbered,  
From Jesus, our King.  
We'll praise Him for guidance,  
For keeping and care.  
For His love unceasing  
Which all of us share

Our Father has kept us,  
Has guarded our way,  
Has caused harm and evil  
Far from us to stay.  
Has spared lives of loved ones,  
Has given us friends,  
And for all these mercies,  
Our thanks we extend.

Oh, may all our family  
His name e'er revere,  
And serve Him with purpose  
And heart still sincere  
May we be a blessing,  
His Kingdom help extend,  
And show unto others  
Our love for this Friend.



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